

Community Issues Report

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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays (airs weekly)	5:30 am	BUSINESS WEEK

DESCRIPTION: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

July 19, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Torrential rain fell as remnants of Hurricane Dennis roared through the Carolinas. It's because of times like these that FEMA says residents need to know the basics about flood insurance. It starts with applying for coverage. There's a 30 day waiting period for a new policy. But if you don't have insurance now, you need to move quickly to insure you're covered for the rest of hurricane season. Knowing the basics about flood insurance may help you better protect your home: -First, you can get flood insurance in most communities nationwide. -You can get flood insurance even if you live in a flood plain or a high flood risk area. -Flood insurance is also available even if your property has flooded before. -Insurance agents in your area can help you get flood insurance and even if your mortgage doesn't require it, you can still buy flood insurance. Under the national flood insurance program, federally funded flood insurance is available to homeowners, renters and business owners. For more information on flood insurance call 1-800-427-2419 or go visit their website floodsmart.gov.

July 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

An Upstate life insurance company has begun paying a multimillion dollar settlement to minority policyholders who paid more for premiums than white people. Liberty Life Insurance Company of Greenville expects to pay 11 (m) million dollars to minorities in 24 states. The settlement was spearheaded by the South Carolina Insurance Department. Liberty says it based pricing for its burial insurance policies on mortality tables that showed blacks and other minorities die younger than whites. It was a common practice in the insurance industry to use the mortality tables through the 1980s when the practice was banned.

July 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

All she wants to do is help. But a 12-year-old trying to take a stand is shutdown. The girl says she just wanted to raise money for charity. But a neighbor said absolutely not and sent her packing. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#)

reports the details are very sour and some say so are the people accused of shutting the girl down. Canebrake neighborhood in Greer is the typical suburbia community. The lawns are nicely trimmed, the homes are well kept. Garage sales occupy the day and ice cream from the ice cream trucks help the day go by faster. But deep inside this peaceful, quaint neighborhood is a story that's brewing. And it almost sounds like a scene as trivial and comical from "Desperate Housewives." "I think if I would have done that I could still be at the pool," said Paige LaDuke. No, 12-year-old Paige LaDuke doesn't want to be at the pool to swim she just wants to sell her lemonade. You'll notice, on Friday she wasn't selling it at the pool. That's because she was booted. Paige says, in the middle of a sale, the secretary of the Homeowner's Association told her to box it all up because she was violating the organization's bi-laws. "I had lines and lines of lemonade and people seemed to appreciate it and stuff and I gave lifeguards free lemonade too," she said. You see, Paige isn't keeping the money for herself. It's all going to the Humane Society and her lemonade stand makes that very clear. In fact, that's how she got here in the first place. A winning online essay about her love for animals to Sunkist won her the tools to make this fancy lemonade stand. "The first thing I thought of was how I love animals and I love them and stuff," said LaDuke. So we set out to find this "secretary." We went to the community pool where we heard she was having a birthday party for her child. Turns out, that's Saturday. So then we went to her house. Our knocks only seemed to rattle her pets. In the meantime, Paige will keep selling lemonade from her driveway-- where the revenue there compared to the pool-- is like apples to oranges. So FOX Carolina called Sunkist to tell them about Paige's little business matter. Sunkist has already contacted Wal-mart and other big stores to help Paige set up another lemonade stand where she's likely to get more money.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Last week we told you about a 12-year-old girl trying to raise money for charity who got the boot. The child claims she was told she was breaking the rules of the Homeowners Association for the neighborhood she lives in. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports all the little girl was selling was lemonade for a quarter a cup. Wednesday, some help was on the way. Some of you who saw the story last week are offering to let the girl set up her lemonade stand where she's bound to get more business. It's the kind of P.R. the Canebrake neighborhood in Greer would rather not have. The lawns here are nicely trimmed, the homes are well kept. But last week a story was stirring in this neighborhood that threatened the very peace homeowners here are attracted to. Paige LaDuke: "I think if I would have done that I could still be at the pool." And this little girl, 12-year-old Paige LaDuke, is the main character. She was selling lemonade for the Humane Society at the neighborhood pool when she says the secretary of the Homeowners Association told her she was breaking the rules. Paige says she had to shutdown the lemonade stand and move to her yard where business is a little slower. Paige LaDuke: "I had lines and lines of lemonade and people seemed to appreciate it and stuff and I gave lifeguards free lemonade too." The secretary says she wasn't the one who told Paige about her neighborhood crime. Instead, the decision to kick her out was mutual among the board members of the Homeowners Association. But none of that really matters because Paige now has other offers. Lisa Kay is the manager at Paxon's Pet Supplies in Greenville and she wants to feed Paige's charitable heart, not drown it. So she says Paige can come in her store and not worry about being threatened to leave. Lisa Kay: "I just thought it was awful for her to try especially being a child not too many children, especially during the summer time want to raise money for a good cause. I thought it was awful they kicked her out." Paige, by the way, won her lemonade stand from Sunkist. She won an online essay contest about donating to a charity of her choice.

August 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Maybe you want to make some home improvements because the warm weather months are here, or maybe because you're thinking about selling while the real estate market is hot. Whatever the reason, you're going to be looking for a contractor -- and that can be stressful, given that contractor scams are often the Number One source of consumer complaints. Senior editor Mari (MAH'-ree) McQueen with the Consumer Reports Money Adviser newsletter says before you hire someone, get the terms

in writing. In some states such as California, a written contract is required for any work that will cost more than 500 dollars, and McQueen says that's probably a good idea in general. Also, beware of liens that could bite you if the contractor doesn't pay subcontractors or suppliers. You might protect yourself and your property by arranging to pay those people directly. Finally, McQueen warns that you should never do business with a contractor who won't or can't provide references.

August 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Increasing gas prices are also affecting the bottom line for many businesses and their employees. According to a national survey of small business, gas prices rank number four as the biggest issue they face - beating out taxes. South Carolina AAA says the average price per gallon in the Upstate is \$2.22 a gallon. But as of Sunday prices we saw were closing in at the \$2.50 mark and that's just for regular unleaded. So besides high gas prices putting a dent in your wallet, a lot of people we spoke to say high gas prices are also making their paychecks a lot smaller. Every time your pizza is delivered to your front door, that driver is actually shelling out an average of three bucks on gas just to get it to you. Some drivers at Papa John's say with only a six percent commission from each order, they can actually end up losing money. And when you have more than one car like driver Deborah Tealsey, that gas money can really add up. Tealsey has been delivering pizzas for over six years. She says she uses three cars because if one breaks down, she's always got a back-up. "Yeah, my job comes first. Get it there on time and make sure the customer is happy with their service," said Tealsey. Drivers say their paychecks all depend on the amount of deliveries they get. So with gas prices hovering around the three dollar mark workers here worry how they'll be able to make ends meet especially when customers stiff them. Tealsey says, "Tips are very much appreciated." Papa John's along with several other businesses in the area will be raising their delivery charge because of increasing gas prices. Papa John's says they'll also be raising the commission on each order to six and a half percent to compensate drivers.

August 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Prices for household furnishings are going up, mostly due to rising costs of petroleum and other raw materials. Retail analyst Jay McIntosh with Ernst and Young says furniture and appliances made out of metal have been experiencing cost increases. Manufacturers hiked prices for major appliances last month, due to inflation in the cost of one very important ingredient: steel, which went up almost 30 percent between 2003 and 2004. McIntosh says that has moderated over the past year, to around ten percent, but it's still much higher than the average rate of inflation. The still-hot housing market is contributing to rising demand for furniture and appliances which also is putting upward pressure on prices. Ernst and Young says increasing costs for moving and storage, freight and repairs of household items also are part of the inflation we're seeing in household furnishings. Prices jumped one percent over the last year, after falling more than one percent over the course of the previous five years.

August 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

"Cash for old cell phones." Sounds like the subject line on a piece of spam, doesn't it? But there really are companies that want you to go digging around in your kitchen drawer for that old mobile phone you're not using, and they'll buy it from you. One of them is OldCellPhone-dot-com, which offers anywhere from one dollar all the way up to 200 dollars, depending on the model. The site accepts 300 different models. OldCellPhone-dot-com president Rob Newton says some old wireless phones can be put back into circulation, others are valuable for parts that can be reused. Newton says 100 percent of every phone is recycled -- nothing is thrown away. You log on to OldCellPhone-dot-com, submit some information about your phone, the company will send you a shipping box with a prepaid label, and later you get a check. A similar site is Cell -- that's C-E-L-L -- ForCash-dot-com.

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

When temperatures rise so does the challenge to keep cool. Earlier an elderly woman says she came close to losing her cool today when she lost power. So, she called us. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, the viewer says she's been through something similar before but when temperatures climb high like the past few weeks she can't help but to give-in and call for help. Maulde Aiken: "I just bought groceries and my power went off". We tried to interview 88 year old Maulde Aiken inside but it was just too hot. The windows sealed shut by design and never opened since Maulde moved in here 25 years ago. Maulde Aiken: "it's about 95 degrees I guess. It's hot in here". At least a breeze blew outside where the temperature spiked 85 degrees. Maulde Aiken: "I miss my air for one thing". DUKE Power cut off Maulde's electricity today just after noon. The reason: non payment. But Maulde's never made a utility payment in the 25 years she's lived here. Maulde Aiken: "When I pay them my rent, my bills are paid. *Reporter:* Gas? *Maulde:* Yes, everything. *Reporter:* AC? *Maulde:* They give me a \$100 a month, and if I go over \$100 I have to pay the difference". But for some reason, according to Maulde, DUKE told her the landlord failed to pay rent by four months. Leaving the company no choice but to cut off the power. Maulde, hopeless, unable to take care of the bill on what's forecasted to be one of the hottest weekends on record. Because the bill isn't in her name, it's in the landlord's name. Maulde Aiken: "I don't know what to do". So FOX Carolina went to work. Our first call, Duke Power. We'll get to that in a moment. The next step, Maulde's landlord. Laurie Stone. And she calls this an honest mistake. *Reporter:* "It's really hot in her house and as a landlord you have a responsibility to make sure that payment is made, so she doesn't go through this". Laurie Stone: "Jamie, we've had this property 4-6 years and never ever had this problem before". Maulde wishes this never happened before. She says in March her gas, which keeps her warm, disconnected for non-payment. And two other times, her water also cut off. Maulde Aiken: "Well I guess I'll just sit on this porch here all night. She's shaking her head she said she'll take care of me tonight if I don't get my power on". We can't forget to tell you about our call to DUKE Power. In nearly an hour crews already turned Maulde's power back on until they figure out exactly what's happening.

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

When you lose power in your home it's not too hard to loose your sanity, especially when it's this hot. That's what happened to one woman when she says DUKE Power told her the landlord failed to make payment. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, While Maulde Aiken shopped for groceries earlier Friday, work crews with DUKE Power shut off her electric. An unpleasant surprise for an 88 year old woman who's never made a utility payment since she moved here 25 years ago. Maulde Aiken: "It's about 95 degrees I guess, it's hot in here". Maulde counts on her landlord to make the electric payment. It's included in her \$325/month rent. But when Maulde called DUKE, they only told her the landlord didn't make the payment; not how to get her power back on. That's because the landlord's name was on the bill. Maulde Aiken: "I didn't know what to do". With a little help from FOX Carolina DUKE Power restored service for Maulde in nearly an hour. But the bill is still in question. The landlord, Laurie Stone, says the error is an honest mistake. Laurie Stone: "As far as were concerned with Ms. Maulde it was not intentionally done. We would never do anything like that to her or any of our tenants". So when DUKE restored Maulde's power they also offered some very helpful tips for anyone who trusts someone else to pay their utilities, like a landlord-- don't! Tell your landlord you'll take care of the bill and register your name as the customer for your home. Also if you're elderly or disabled make sure you let the power company know. It'll identify your special needs and think twice before shutting off your power when it gets really hot or really cold.
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August 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

If you're having trouble disciplining your kids, a new invention called the Naughty Seat could make parenting a little easier. Inventor Bill Lavender designed the black cushion equipping it with an alarm to alert parents if kids disobey. It has an "on" and "off" side. When you want to use it, flip the cushion on and sit the child on top; if they get up an

alarm will sound. The Naughty seat is lightweight and easy travel with. You can pick up a seat for under twenty dollars on the web at www.naughtyseat.com.

August 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Business was usual Sunday at GSP International Airport. Whether the passengers were arriving to GSP or flying from it, their schedules were right on time. Although there were a few flights that were delayed, none of them were hurricane-related. All flights to and from New Orleans have been discontinued though...as the Big Easy prepares itself for Hurricane Katrina. If you're planning on doing some air travel anytime soon, make sure you are aware of any changes in schedule due to the hurricane. You can check out GSP International Airport's website at www.gspairport.com -- for flight information and delays.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Gas prices are surging across the country, and some people are having trouble finding gasoline at all. Fuel supplies have been significantly disrupted by Hurricane Katrina, after the storm crippled refineries and oil rigs that provide one-third of the nation's gas supply. Consumers are feeling the effects right away. Overnight, gas prices jumped by more than 50 cents a gallon in Ohio, 40 cents a gallon in Georgia and 30 cents a gallon in Maine. Gas stations from Phoenix to Milwaukee are experiencing shortages. One oil expert says he's worried about possible gas rationing. This, despite the government's decision to open the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help make up for shortages caused by the storm.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Some major airline carriers have canceled flights to the New Orleans and Gulfport, Mississippi airports until at least next week. The cancellations to the popular sites for tourists, conventioners and gamblers put increased financial pressure on airlines as they also deal with potential fuel shortages. Jack Evans, of the Air Transport Association, said daily jet fuel production nationwide has been cut 13 percent because of damage from the hurricane to Gulf Coast refineries. Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines -- the nation's third-largest carrier -- has canceled all flights into and out of the New Orleans and Gulfport airports through Monday. As for fuel, a spokesman said Delta is working closely with suppliers to make sure contingency plans are in place to deal with any potential shortages. The nation's largest carrier -- American Airlines -- canceled 34 flights in and out of New Orleans today. Spokesman Tim Smith said the Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier doesn't expect to resume scheduled flights there until next Tuesday at the earliest. The New Orleans airport has reopened to allow humanitarian flights in and out during daylight hours. But officials are unsure when commercial service will resume there.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

President Bush is warning Americans about the nation's gasoline supply, saying everyone must understand that Hurricane Katrina has had a significant effect. Speaking at a White House news conference, the president stressed that Katrina has disrupted America's ability to both make and distribute gasoline. To try to ease the problem, Bush says the Environmental Protection Agency has granted a nationwide waiver for fuel blends. He says that will make

more gas available and take some pressure off skyrocketing prices. Meanwhile, Bush said he had instructed Energy Secretary Sam Bodman to work with refineries to "alleviate any shortage through loans."

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Maybe the most overused phrase this summer has to "pain at the pump." But here in the Upstate, the threshold for pain reached it's breaking point with the average price for gas now a staggering \$3.00 a gallon. According to driver Ashley Dill she says, "It's a huge disaster...for everyone." And most drivers agreed saying they never thought it would never come to this. Drivers waited in long lines filling up their tanks and even filling containers for later. But some drivers weren't even that lucky because a lot of gas stations, especially along Woodruff Road simply ran out. Driver Pat Auth says, "I usually come here. I'm shocked. I didn't know they were out of gas." Drivers circled around the Blue Jay gas station like hawks once they saw they saw the \$2.49 price but actually their pumps emptied hours earlier. And if you that gas stations are profiting off the high prices, Blue Jay gas station employee, Melissa Hale says you'd be dead wrong. "They are not making anything. They are actually losing like two to three cents a gallon. At most they're selling it at cost."

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Two days ago the upstate average was \$2.00. Now it's around \$3.00 and people were lining up all day and night because analysts expect the prices to go even higher. For many drivers it seemed like the numbers just didn't add up. Driver Denise Nash, " It's just outrageous...it hurts." Nash says her entire family is feeling the pain. She says, "The kids, the groceries, it's gonna hurt us anyway with the gas." And she's definitely not alone. Deidrick Smith says with the school year just starting, making that dollar stretch will not be easy. "We don't have choice, gotta do what you gotta go." This time last year gas cost about \$2.00 a gallon, now analysts expect the nationwide average to go as high as \$3.25.

September 15, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Top stores like Walgreen, Wal-Mart, and Dollar General have recalled thousands of jewelry found to be toxic. Key rings, bracelets, necklaces and earrings sold between November 2002 through August 2005, were recalled because experts found high levels of lead in them. About 145,00 Disney Princess Bracelet Key rings were among those recalled. Imported by Monogram International, the Disney Princess Bracelet Key rings are sold at various retailers nationwide...including Walgreens and Wal-mart. And 445 necklace and earring sets imported and sold at Dollar General stores were recalled. Experts warn that if ingested by young children, the recalled jewelry can cause adverse health effects. For more information regarding the Disney Princess Jewelry, go to www.monogramdirect.com And for information regarding any consumer products, visit www.cpsc.gov \

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
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Saturdays (airs weekly)	8pm	COPS
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Monday – Friday at 12 midnight (60:00)

Monday – Friday at 3:30am (30:00)

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: The Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

July 12, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

It all happened on Hidden Acres Road in Polk County. Investigators say a double murder suicide rocked the once peaceful neighborhood around three this afternoon.

Deputies told Fox Carolina that a man called 9-1-1 and told the operator he had just shot and killed two people and was now going to turn the gun on himself. When investigators arrived they surrounded his home and prepared for the worst.

With guns drawn and suited in swat gear deputies swarmed the home ready for a stand-off. But they say after trying for fifteen minutes to get a response from anyone inside the home they knocked down the door and found three people shot. Investigators suspect it's another case of a domestic dispute gone terribly wrong.

Chief Investigator Captain Chris Beddingfield says, "One of the patrol officers said he had responded to serve papers here on domestic incident but nobody has confirmed whether or not they've been out here for a domestic disturbance or not." Investigators say inside they discovered two women already dead. The male shooter, barely

alive. He died during the helicopter ride to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Joe Mills has lived here for almost his whole life, he says it's scary to think this could've all turned out even worse.

"I see three or four little kids riding bicycles up and down through here all the time they weren't here today thank goodness."

Family members arrived on the scene visibly shocked. Mills says he's never even seen a patrol car in this neighborhood before today. "It's one of life's tragedies but we don't usually have things like this, quiet little neighborhood always has been. It's bad, what can you do, life goes on."

Most people who live here say they've never heard of a shooting like this before. It leaves no doubt that this small Mill Spring Community is very shaken and left wondering what could've made someone snap so violently.

So far no names have been released and the investigation is still ongoing.

July 19, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A couple of weeks ago, a witness rescued a 16-year-old boy from a brutal beating that left him bloody and shaken. What's worse, many say the crime was motivated by hate. Ellis Ferry Road near Honeysuckle Lane in Gaffney is known to many in the community as an old country road that leads to farmland and houses. But now, for one family, it is known as a road of terror. "My son called me and said mom you better get over here, Isaiah is hurt pretty bad," said Pamela Clyburn, Isaiah's grandmother. Investigators with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office say Isaiah Clyburn, 16, just finished hanging out with some friends and decided to walk home. However, his path turned into a crime scene when investigators say five teenagers jumped out of three trucks. Officers say the group waved a confederate flag and called him the 'N' word. Investigators say Luke Brice, 16, Christopher Cates, 17, Kenneth Miller, 17, Jerry Tony, 17, and Justin Phillips, 18, started beating him. Isaiah's face is swollen and his body bruised. Investigators charged the teenagers with second degree lynching and they are now out on bond. "I told Isaiah don't hate them, that was a spirit of the devil that led them to turn around call you that name and then came back to get you," commented Pamela Clyburn, Isaiah's aunt. A witness says these teenagers tried to get away, but a truck flipped during the attempted escape. You can still see the skid marks in the grass and now the heartbreak on the faces of Isaiah's parents. The family's lawyer, State Representative Karl Allen, is pushing for state hate crime laws and federal charges. "I feel we will be able to devise a law that will address this type of situation on the local level with stiff penalties for those who lynch and those who lynch on a racially motivated basis," commented Allen. A crime he says should never be tolerated anywhere. FOX Carolina has learned that a teenage girl was also with the boys when the beating took place. We are told that the solicitor is reviewing that information. Community leaders and members with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition say they are planning a march in Gaffney soon. They say they want to educate the community in hopes that this kind of violence won't happen again.

July 19, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Tuesday marks the one year anniversary for the hostage standoff in Spartanburg that lasted 13 hours. Windows and walls are still boarded up, one year later at what used to be the Fast Point Convenience Store along Church Street in the south side of Spartanburg. It's a much different scene now than it was last July when Jimmie Johnson held Saroj Patel hostage. Sheets of plywood cover holes and windows in what was once the Fast Point Convenience Store, but the memories of what happened here one year ago Tuesday still linger on. According to Saroj Patel, the hostage and store owners, "He said to his girlfriend, I'll give you 30 minutes, he said at 3:00 I'm going to die, 3:20, I'm going to die, you know I'm a little scared." Patel was held hostage for nearly 13 hours as Jimmie Johnson had a gun pointed at her, threatening his life and hers. Patel says, "[He] just drink beer, talking on the phone, talking to his lady, talking to his momma and everybody sometimes when he was mad, he'd say two

people are going to die here." But when a front end loader plowed through the store's walls and a sniper shot Johnson, Saroj's prayers were answered and she was freed. According to Patel, "He pushed me first and at the same time police shot his shoulder and I guess the gas, and I fell down, he fell down, I'm dying, but I heard the noise, I just ran, I'm safe." As for Johnson, a guilty plea put him behind bars for life, without parole. In court, Johnson told the judge, "I just want you to do what the hell you have to do, so I can get the hell out of here." As time continues to heal the pain and slowly erases the memories, Saroj says she's ready for her life to be quiet, just as her store is one year later. "Just give me peace in my mind, just a peaceful life." The Patel family says Saroj is doing well and just wants to put the whole incident behind her and move on with her life.

July 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Investigators with the Anderson Police Department are looking for a con-artist who they say uses kindness as her secret weapon. However, don't be fooled by her smile. Investigators say it's really a disguise filled with bad intentions. Investigators say the woman started shopping around the Hamricks Department Store in Anderson and went from department to department looking for a victim. Witnesses say she seems very friendly and looks like your average shopper, but one victim, 87-year-old Helen Palmer, says she's nothing but a scam-artist caught on tape. "She came up to me and patted me on the shoulder and said you dropped something when you got out of the car. She said I've been trying to find you," said Palmer. Palmer decided to shop at Hamricks Saturday afternoon but never thought she would leave the store with a stranger in her car. She says the woman followed her to the parking lot and started asking her about her bank. "I hesitated and she said I'm a Christian, she said don't be afraid of me," commented Palmer. She says that's when the woman became persistent. So, investigators say she drove the swindler to the bank where the woman wrote a check that wiped out her account. "She came back a third time and I didn't know if she was going to knock me in the head or not," said Palmer. Patricia Chastain says she's aware of scam- artists who target elderly shoppers and she arms herself before she walks out of the door. "It makes me feel uncomfortable you know when I'm out by myself and I generally just carry a gas gun with me," said Chastain. In her hand is a can of mace. She says a similar scam happened at the store before. "There was a boy that took advantage of a man and woman and he was begging for money," commented Chastain. Investigators with the Anderson Police Department believe the same woman at Hamricks scammed an elderly couple just a couple of blocks away at the CVS Drug Store on East Greenville Street. They say the con-artist told a woman she just won some money and wanted to share the prize with them, but needed their jewelry as collateral. However, she swiped the jewelry and disappeared. Investigators say in each case the woman tells these elderly victims she doesn't want to hurt them and she never shows them a weapon or says she has one. If you know the woman call Crimestoppers at 231-STOP. You could get a \$2,000 cash reward.

July 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An Arabic man reportedly under watch from the federal government demands to deliver his message to a Greenville County church. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, 4,000 people were in the sanctuary when a man came up to an usher and said he had a message from God and needed to go on stage. Church leaders quickly realized something was wrong so they removed him from the sanctuary to take care of the situation. His name is Iyad Alnazli. When he showed up at Redemption World Outreach on Haywood Road last Sunday he was reportedly on a mission. Church leaders say Alnazli started talking about Allah and wanted to tell the Christian congregation "work had to be done and he was to return to the Gaza strip." "He didn't get specific about the word. He called himself a son of the kingdom," said Rick Smith with Redemption World Outreach. Smith talked to Alnazli who, he says, grew increasingly irritated when denied the stage. That's when the Sheriff's Office was called, then the bomb squad. No explosives were found, but a demolition team exploded a briefcase left inside the church by Alnazli just to play it safe. The church service was never interrupted. "Most of the people here weren't aware anything was going on. We had to get him out of the building," said Smith. Alnazli is charged with disturbing a worship service and is reportedly on an F.B.I. watch-list.

July 21, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Police have made another anti-terror arrest in England. British authorities arrested a man at a train station in Birmingham, in central England. Police seized at least two suitcases. The rail station was evacuated and cordoned off. It's unclear whether the suspect is connected with yesterday's attempted bombings. Earlier, police arrested a man in south London. They say that arrest is connected with yesterday's attacks. It took place near the subway station where police shot and killed a man this morning in front of stunned commuters. Police say the shooting was "directly linked" to the investigation of the attacks. The arrests come hours after police released images of four suspects in yesterday's attacks, taken by security cameras in subway stations and on a bus. Police say in each of yesterday's incidents, the explosives failed to fully detonate.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Patricia Ann Long's nude body was discovered Tuesday Evening in an abandoned house, and it's unbelievable for those who loved her. A friend who didn't want to be identified tells FOX Carolina, "She's a nice girl. I've known her since we were itty bitty girls. We grew up together. We went to church together. We went to church together. We did everything together. We went to school together." The Spartanburg Sounty Sheriff's Office initially classified this case as a suspicious death, but investigators are now calling it just a death investigation. Her cause of death is still not known. But they say there was no trauma to her body. According to records, Long was arrested more than once for prostitution. And deputies and neighbors tell FOX Carolina, this house is known as a crack house and a place for prostitution. The neighbors we talked to say it's become a problem throughout the neighborhood. Bobby Littlejohn says, "It's bad, like when you're riding down the street. People trying to flag you down. Women, that ain't no good." Investigators say they received an anonymous tip about a dead body. That call came from a pay phone outside a business on Asheville Highway. They want to talk to that person and solve this case. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

In April of 2004, Tremayne Graham was arrested on federal drug charges -- part of what police called a 10-person drug trafficking network. When the bust went down, the feds seized more than 10-kilos of cocaine, 9-ounces of crack and plenty of cash. Greenville Police Chief Willie Johnson says, "these 10-people here have been the primary suppliers, distributors, and street-level drug dealers here in Greenville." Just days after his arrest, Graham posted a \$300,000 surety bond and was placed under 24-hour house arrest in his Marietta, Georgia home. But last October, he went on the run. A July 18, 2005 affidavit details the investigation that took place after Graham skipped town. The recovery agent hired to find Graham soon discovered that he is friends with NBA greats Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley. The US Marshals Office confirmed this by saying, "he was friends and had socialized in the past with a lot of NBA players." After a lengthy search, it all paid off, and on June 16, 2005, Graham was captured in California. While there authorities also seized more than 550 pounds of cocaine, 100 pounds of marijuana, \$1.8 million in cash, five guns, and at last one assault rifle. Now that Graham is back behind bars, a majority of the bond money that had to be paid out when he was on the lam is being doled out to several area agencies. A federal court document obtained by FOX Carolina details a July 25, 2005 ruling in U.S. District Court. It requires that \$45,645 be paid to the U.S. Marshals Office in Columbia, SC for their role in helping to apprehend and transport Graham from California back to South Carolina. \$7,739.43 will be repaid to the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for their role

in trying to apprehend Graham. And \$116,615.57 will be returned to Free At Last Bail Bonds out of Georgia for their bounty hunter's investigation that eventually led to locating Graham in California.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An organization that fights to protect children of sexual abuse is demanding answers Wednesday from the Anderson County Solicitor. The campaign is in response to a story you first saw here last week. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, it's about a plea bargain the solicitor made with a man who admitted to having sex with a close-relative. The mother of the victim, who doesn't want her face shown, is grateful the details of the plea bargain are made public. Now, the Solicitors Office finds itself answering a lot questions. The fury of questions revolves around 42-year-old Charles Owen. Owen was arrested last year, charged with incest. The age of the relative is disputed by every party involved in this case but we do know the victim is still a teenager, and is now legally an adult. Meanwhile, her abuser is a free man. Victim's Mother: "When I found out it was a plea bargain I was extremely upset because justice isn't done in this case." The victim's mother is furious after Owen escaped any prison time. Owen worked a deal with Solicitor Chrissy Adams office where he pleaded guilty to Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature instead of Incest-- the charge he faced when he was first arrested last year. Victim's Mother: "They need to do this over- they need to do this and make it right." And the National Association to Protect Children agrees. After seeing our first story last week it sent a letter to Solicitor Chrissy Adams, saying: "There appears to be a growing impression in the Anderson community your office is more concerned with 'clearing cases' than trying cases. Crime victims need to know that they will find support, protection and zealous prosecution from your office, not a rush to plea bargain." Victim's Mother: "I think that's great because one case of this happening is one too many." Just hours before broadcast, Chrissy Adams replied, saying: "Let me assure you that no one is more committed to [victims of sexual abuse] than the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office...No matter how well intentioned, Protect and the news media have a responsibility to the victims of sexual abuse aside from their own agenda...The Owen case remains under investigation and it would be inappropriate for our office to comment further at this time." Just last week the Owen case was closed, now it's open. And we're told it has a lot to do with a document we gave to Solicitor Chrissy Adams. Its a receipt from a search warrant served at Owen's home last year. It lists a computer that allegedly has child porn on it. Knowledge of the computer mysteriously disappeared until we brought it to the attention of Solicitor Chrissy Adams. The plea deal also keeps Owen off the sex offender list. That registration is something the law says Solicitor Chrissy Adams could have very easily asked for at sentencing. Protect says it will lobby in South Carolina for better laws protecting victims of sexual abuse.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Georgia investigators began looking for looking for two men wanted on more than a dozen charges three days ago. Now Greenville County deputies say they caught one of the fugitives in this area late last night but the other is still on the loose. Acting on a anonymous tip deputies spotted the wanted men's car at the Pumpers' gas station on Haywood Road. Then as the deputy approached the car the men drove off and a high speed chase was underway but one of the men didn't get very far. Investigators say you shouldn't be fooled by his smile. Jason Alderman's partner in crime says Alderman is armed with a .357 handgun and deputies fear Alderman won't go down without a fight because he is facing life behind bars. Deputies captured his partner, Andrew Stumpff , last night. Both Stumpff and Alderman are charged with crimes ranging from kidnapping to home invasion and the list goes on and on. Investigators say Stumpff was caught when Greenville deputies discovered their car parked at Plantation at Haywood Apartment complex shortly after the chase. Cops then closed off the complex and sent out the bloodhounds. The hounds picked up the fugitive's scent but were able only to find Stumpff hiding in the bushes. Alderman is still no where to be found. Derek Mitchell was visiting a friend at the complex when the manhunt happened. He says, "There were like 30 cop cars. They closed off everything. They had like semi-automatic weapons out front." Greenville Investigators say they were on the scene all night long and are still canvassing the area. According the men's wrap sheets both Alderman and Stumpff have a long history with the law. Georgia cops

say the men were out on parole when they committed these crimes. Alderman is twenty-seven, about six feet tall, 180 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes and has two small tattoos: one on his left forearm, the other on his left hand. Anyone who spots Alderman should call police by dialing 9-1-1.

August 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

On Saturday night over twenty deputies pursued and captured wanted Georgia fugitive Jason Alderman in North Carolina. He is just one of the men that Greenville cops say was hiding out in Christine Edelen's apartment early Saturday morning. Police say his partner in crime, Andrew Stumpff, was the other man. Both men were wanted in Georgia for more than a dozen charges ranging from kidnapping to home invasion. According to a police report after a high speed chase here in Greenville late Friday night, the men dumped their car and hid for a short time in Christine's apartment. She says, "It (the apartment) was disastrous...there was bloody fingerprints on the door, the couch on the window." Christine was staying at a friend's house at the time of the burglary. She says calling her absence at the time, "a close call," is an understatement. Cops told her it probably wasn't money the wanted men were after. "They (Police) said that if I was there, I probably would've been taken hostage who knows what could've happened." Police captured Stumpff early Saturday morning in the woods near her apartment with the help of hounds but Alderman was no where to be found. Christine told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "I was kind of glad they had broken into my apartment because I wasn't there versus someone's apartment who was there because who knows what could've happened if someone had been there." Stumpff told investigators his partner was definitely armed with a .357 magnum. A few hours and two hundred miles later, North Carolina Cleveland County deputies spotted Alderman's car. This time it was Alderman who didn't get far. Bloody, battered and bitten by their dogs, cops captured Alderman and put an end to the four day manhunt.

August 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

When you first take a stroll down Folsom Street in Spartanburg it seems like any other community with friendly neighbors and kids riding their bikes, but some say people should take a closer look, because the area is drug infested and a safe haven for criminals. However, Maurice Moore says the people who live in the community are being blamed for crime. "Its not a bad neighborhood its just you know you got things going on everywhere you go you can't escape that," said Moore. Investigators say 19-year-old Nikita and Tikita Foster are teenage terrors. Officers say the two boys grabbed a woman as she walked down Folsom Street. They say the woman pulled out a knife, but investigators say the twins took it from her, put it to her throat then forced her into a vacant house where they raped her. They are charged with first degree criminal sexual conduct. "If the landlords would check their houses regularly then it wouldn't be things like what happened to the lady up in the area up the street by Cleveland Park," commented Moore. About a mile from Folsom Street, investigators found 35-year-old Patricia Long dead in a vacant house and even though they say the crimes aren't related, neighbors say the problem is the same. People who live in the neighborhood say they see burglars breaking-into vacant houses left unlocked. There are six empty homes on the street, but Nathaniel Williams says they are occupied with criminal activity. "A lot of them go in and there and have sex and stuff in there," said Williams. This vacant house has broken windows, beer bottles and used condoms inside and the people who live in the area say they hope the city will soon crack-down on landlords to lock-out crime. The twins are also charged with kidnapping. If you know anything about this case call crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

August 3, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

All across the county, including right here in the Carolinas, police officers and sheriffs deputies are reaching out to the community to help get rid of crime. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, Clemson is fortunate enough not to have a lot of crime. But, they are also very aware that they are not immune from it which is why the city participated in National Night Out. All across the upstate we've covered a number of crimes-- too many of them murder. Recently a double homicide in Greer, a prostitute found killed in Spartanburg and another murder in Williamston. In Clemson, its been two years since the last murder or bank robbery. "Clemson is Clemson. Not Greenville, not Anderson, not Columbia and its not Richland," said Clemson's Police Chief, Jimmy Dixon. And Clemson hopes to keep it that way. This is the second year the city has participated in National Night Out. Its designed to up crime and drug awareness and build support for the people who work to protect our streets. The chief says it works and helps flush out crime. "Doing things like this forms that bond and relationship between the community and police department and gives us that many more eyes," said Chief Dixon. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

August 3, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Blood tests may confirm what investigators are afraid may have killed a baby before she was born. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, the baby's mother is under arrest and may be charged with her death later this week. Some say the woman doesn't even deserve to be called a mother. Investigators say she admitted to smoking crack during the whole term, including the hour before delivery. We'd show you a picture of the baby girl delivered at AnMed Women's and Children's Hospital, but one was never taken. That's because she died before coming out of the womb. Her mother Iona Goss hadn't even named the child, now dubbed by officials as little baby girl Goss. Some drug counselors say this could have been prevented. "I was devastated, very sad and sorry she didn't get treatment resources she needed," said Joanne Brink of Serenity Place. Goss has a serious history of drug addiction. Investigators say she has another child but he is now up for adoption. The Department of Social Services took him away right at birth. "There is always hope and there is always help for any woman at any point in the pregnancy and any point in the addiction," said Brink. Goss is in jail for some unpaid city fines. But detectives plan to charge her with murdering her child if blood tests show drugs in baby girl Goss. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

August 4, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A little girl says a popular upstate man molested her. Wednesday, the accused Liberty man, known as "Cowboy" was out of jail. Those who know "Cowboy" say the sex crime listed on the warrant can't be true and are sure a complete investigation will set the record straight. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, a 7- or 8-year-old girl says 48-year-old Johnny "Cowboy" Miller touched her inappropriately, more than once. Investigators say the little girl told them everything. We went to "Cowboy's" farm Wednesday to get his version of the story, he was out. But his friends say this is the first they heard of the accusations. Odell Williams: "No sir I've known him for many years, teenagers, we pretty much grew up together and I don't think he would, he's not that type of guy." "Cowboy" is well-known in Liberty. He's also a horse trainer and a big player in rodeos across the country. Friends say the accusations stem from a relationship gone sour with a woman whose only using her daughter to get revenge. Randy Robins: "No he wouldn't do something like that I'm sure its all a misunderstanding, just have to check it out and see what's going on but I don't think so." "Cowboy" is out of jail on a \$15,000 bond. He's charged with committing a lewd act on a minor. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION: Imagine coming home from a long day at work to find your home ransacked, your valuables gone. For one Spartanburg family it gets even worse. They've been robbed three times in little over a year and they say

they are not alone. The Camelot subdivision in Spartanburg looks peaceful on the outside according to Loretta Smith but there are days when she says she fears what she may find inside her home. Loretta Smith told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark that thieves stole valuables ranging from her son's game systems to the tennis bracelet her husband gave her the first year they were married. But the thieves also stole something she feels is priceless. She says, "They stole me feeling safe in my house. It just scares me. I feel like almost like I've been raped or something." She estimates that the three robberies cost her family over five thousand dollars and worries that money is the least of this neighborhood's problem. "People are not going to take people coming into their home with open arms...one lady down the street even shot someone when she found them (thieves) in her house." The Smith family has lived here for twelve years and she says she and her neighbors are moving anywhere. To combat the crime they're organizing a neighborhood watch, asking police for help, as well as appealing to a higher authority. "I'm praying for you...there's no reason for anyone to steal and I'd tell them you need Jesus in your life and that's exactly what I would say." If anyone has information on these robberies, you should call Crime stoppers at 58-CRIME.

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Take a short drive down just about any neighborhood street and you're likely to find a couple of garage doors wide open. "It can happen very easily. Yes it's true. Our garage is mostly open," says Yelena Tramontana of Greer. Now that she knows what garage hopping is, Yelena says some of the activities she's seen around her house are starting to make sense. "Sometimes we go to the pool and when we're coming back we see those teenagers passing by ... and then you're wondering..." And beer is one of the things she and her husband actually keep in their garage refrigerator. "We have the Budweiser and a bottle of wine too." Just next door, Todd East's garage also sits open, and with plenty of alcohol signs hanging in the garage, it's also a prime target for teenagers on a mission. Todd says, "it doesn't surprise me ... as a child I might have done the same thing." But now, knowing garage hopping is making a comeback in the Upstate, might mean there will be a lot less open garage doors for curious teens to target. Todd says, "it doesn't bother me during the day but at night I see the kids walking around. With this in mind I might give a second thought to shutting my door as I walk away."

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Spartanburg teenager, Alex Davon Buckman, disappeared in late March. But his family says he didn't run away, they believe he was kidnapped. His case has been profiled in both local and national news and his story is about to get even more national attention this weekend by being featured on America's Most Wanted. Not too long ago Davon Buckman was a standout running back for Dorman High School. His sister LaCresha says Davon excelled at anything he did. But now instead of cheering him on the sidelines like she used to, she's praying he's still alive. She says, "At the end of the day it's all about finding him...anything I can do to find him." LaCresha says there's not a day that goes by that she's not calling the media and detectives to help find her brother. Now his picture and story is scheduled to appear on Saturday's America's Most Wanted. LaCresha told FOX Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "If they actually do it this Saturday night that would be great because you never know who's watching, who knows something." The family fears that Davon's disappearance is linked to the murder of Shamon Martin back in December. Investigators say Davon was hanging out with some friends when he heard the fatal shots fired. Deputies arrested Davon's friend Clifton Fleming and charged him with the murder. A few months later Davon disappeared and the last person believed to have been with Davon is Clifton's own brother, Ralph Fleming. LaCresha says she can explain the time lapse. She says, "Because Cliff was in jail (under house arrest) at the time and we had no problems until Ralph Fleming got out of jail." Deputies though say they are skeptical the murder and Davon's disappearance are connected because there were actual eyewitnesses. But the Buckman family fears there was some animosity between the Fleming brothers and Davon ever since the murder of Martin. LaCresha says, "But the thing with the other witnesses is that he didn't know them, Davon was his friend. So to have your friend cooperating with police, it makes it personal." LaCresha says she wants people to realize that Davon is missed and loved by many. He's not only a brother and a son but he's also doting father and uncle. She says she

won't stop until there is closure. "We're not going to stop...so don't rest easy because it's not over." Buckman's story can be seen right here on FOX Carolina. America's Most Wanted airs Saturday at 9pm.

August 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Police have announced a major development in the Tamika Huston case. The 24-year-old woman was reported missing more than a year ago. In February, police revealed blood evidence found in an apartment matched Tamika's DNA. A man who used to live in that apartment was in prison on other charges. He was set to be released today.

August 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Anderson Police say at least two gunmen held a Suntrust bank manager and his two roommates hostage, then tried to rob the bank. The men blindfolded and tied the three victims Wednesday night and held them hostage until Thursday morning. That's when the men left with one of the victims, who's the bank manager of the Suntrust Bank on Highway 24 in Anderson. The men told him to call the bank on Highway 24 in Anderson and get some money ready. That's when the bank went into lockdown. The gunmen decided to leave the bank parking lot and left the manager on the side of the road. Investigators are now looking for a white, Pontiac Grand Prix with South Carolina Tag 189-TXG. As for the suspects, the only description investigators have is two or four men who were wearing masks and gloves.

August 15, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

On Saturday night around nine, Derrick Black, 18, was gunned down while visiting someone at 412 Hagood Road in Greenville. Witnesses say they saw the teen's body laying just feet away from his car which was still running. James Patterson came home from work to find a murder scene right outside his front door. He says, "Oh man it's awful...I see this guy Derrick Black just laying on his side here." Neighbors say they heard at least ten shots fired. Jack Longshore who's been living here since the 60's says this is usually a quiet neighborhood. "It had been good, no trouble out here." Patterson says the lack of crime was the main reason why he just moved here. But now that he fears for his children's safety, he might have to start looking for another place to live. "I don't think I'll be here much longer. Mostly for the kids...they said, "Daddy I see a dead body, Daddy I seen a dead body." But 85-year-old Longshore says he's here for good. "I'm going to live like always. Not until the Lord takes me, hopefully he'll spare me a few more years." As of Sunday night, investigators say they do not have a motive in the murder or a clear suspect but they are confident an arrest is near. If you know anything on this shooting you should call Crimestoppers at 23-CRIME.

August 16, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Inside a fugitive's car, Georgia police found a stack of fake ID's, license plates and a variety of weapons. All from a man who could hold key information into the 2003 bank robbery and murders at Blue Ridge Savings Bank in Greer. On May 16, 2003, the crime scene was just off I-85. Since then, investigators have been trying to piece together who could be responsible. Last July, investigators released a poster which included a description of the car they're looking for, and a plea for anyone with information to come forward. Now, there's talk of a new connection to the case. A recent article in the Eatonton Messenger in Georgia, details an August 9, 2005 afternoon traffic stop that ended up taking the Georgia State Patrol on a 30-minute high speed chase. The article purports the chase ended when police say the man they were chasing shot and killed himself. That man was 39-year-old Emmerson Wright, a

fugitive with a criminal history that goes back at least 20-years, spans at least three states, including South Carolina and Georgia, and potentially connects him to the Upstate's 2003 Blue Ridge Savings Bank robbery and murders in Greer. Tom Davis with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is quoted in the Messenger saying "we're letting South Carolina sort out the details of their case." So we checked with Greer Police. Lt. Matt Hanby says Wright was never a suspect, but was considered a subject lead in the case. Hanby says investigators are following up on some 600 leads. Investigators are still offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in this case.

August 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

New details are emerging about the case of a South Carolina woman who vanished more than a year ago. The man accused of killing Tamika Huston says he threw a hot iron at her during an argument about money, then panicked when he realized she was dead. Christopher Hampton tells the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg he drove around with her body for hours before burying her in the woods. Hampton says he was "hoping she would wake up," adding "I don't want people to think bad of me." The man has been charged with murder and has led authorities to remains believed to be Huston's. Authorities hope to have a positive I-D later in the week.

August 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

As of 1pm Wednesday night, Greenville County Sheriff's Deputies were in search of a 12 year old girl. She was last seen on Hiley Court in the Orchard Farm subdivision around 3:00 Wednesday afternoon. Daiane Corena LaClair, who goes by Corena, is 5'1", 100 pounds and was last seen wearing blue shorts and a yellow t-shirt, she was riding a pink girl's mountain bike. Deputies say a man said he spotted a girl who fit Corena's description around 8:30pm on Rock Road, near Pelham Falls Road. She appeared to be crying and he asked if she was ok, she seemed to get scared and then ran off. That's the last time anyone has seen or heard from Corena. K-9 units, bloodhounds and the Anderson County helicopter are all searching for the girl. If you have any information contact Crimestoppers at 23-Crime or call 9-1-1.

August 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A Union County pastor, former NAACP president and Union County School Board member faces charges of child molestation. George Watson's picture and details of the molestation charges against him are all over the front page of the Union Daily Paper, while the charges date back nearly 10 years ago, the 21-year-old victim says he wants closure now. Watson is charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor. According to police, the victim is Watson's relative. The incidents allegedly happened when the boy was 12 or 13 years old through his senior year of high school. The Sheriff's Office report says Watson sexually assaulted the boy at several locations in Union and Spartanburg counties. The victim says Watson performed oral sex acts on him, against his will. Sexually instances allegedly happened at Watson's home, the church where he was a preacher at and Arthur State Bank. Many people who know Watson did not want to go on camera, but say he's a good man and the new is shocking. Shirley Spears knows Watson and says, "It's a big surprise to me, it was a shock, I've seen him ride by here, I don't know him that well, but he'd come by and talk to my husband." Some people in Union did say nothing surprises them anymore these days and you never know what someone is capable of, still they say Watson's innocent until proven guilty. Watson is being held at the Union County Jail on \$30,000 bond, once he pays that he'll be taken to Spartanburg County Jail where he faces similar molestation charges.

August 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

More, new information in the Tamika Houston case, and you'll only read about it here. A teenager gets credit with breaking the case, well before Tamika's accused killer reportedly confessed. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, as much publicity this case gets, police here won't tell you about the teenager. But if there is a trial, she will very likely be a key witness. We know now the exact day investigators believe Christopher Hampton killed Tamika. May 9, 2004: Mother's Day. Hampton detailed the murder to a newspaper reporter but Tamika's family says Hampton intentionally left out more obscene details. Including sex with a 15-year-old he is now charged with. But that sex, according to Tamika's family, happened the same night after the murder and in the same room. Hampton is accused of hiding Tamika's body after he beat her to death with a hot iron. FOX Carolina learned the 15-year-old noticed a red stain that night. When she asked Hampton about it he reportedly told her it was Kool-Aid. The teen thought nothing else of it for 10 months, until an episode of America's Most Wanted jogged her memory. The show highlighted Tamika's disappearance and the crime scene struck a chord. It's where Hampton and the 15-year-old reportedly had sex. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

August 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A young mother faces charges after making a mistake that cost her baby girl. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports why the mother was charged for something the coroner's office calls an accident. Probably the last place the mother wanted to be after her baby girl drowned was jail. But investigators believe she's responsible for what happened. Elizabeth Sisk's first mug shot taken Thursday. She's charged with a mistake every parent hopes to avoid, neglecting her child. Roger Byers/Sisk's Neighbor: "Well she was just a chubby little girl, a beautiful little thing". Investigators say several weeks ago Sisk left her two baby girls in the bathtub for 15 minutes while on the phone with her boyfriend. When she came back the younger baby, 7 month old Lillian Pearson fell under the water. Paramedics airlifted her to Greenville Memorial where she later died. Sisk's neighbors in Honea Path say they never expected it. Byers: "I think there might be a lesson for parents and the tub. If you do leave- take the child out of tub, it doesn't take but a minute. The old saying goes you can drown in a teaspoon full of water". Sisk posted \$10,000 bond.

August 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Red hair, a bright yellow jump suit, and big red shoes make Ronald McDonald an American icon. He's been feeding us Big Mac's and happy meals for almost fifty years so it's no wonder why Dennis Moore would want one. Dennis says he bought the life-size statue for one hundred-fifty dollars from a friend then put him on a chair outside his home. Ronald is known all over Biggs St. in Anderson County maybe even too much for his own good. Someone stole the famous statue from Moore's house. Dennis says he's angry and wants his famous friend back. If you have any information on Ronald and his whereabouts call the Anderson County Sheriff's Department at 231-STOP.

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

There are shopping carts, hair dryers, cold medicine and even teeth whitener, but this is no ordinary corner store. It sits in the old Coca-Cola Factory, it says Dollar Daze on the building, but people around Gaffney call it the bent can. "We didn't buy anything because, well I didn't know the quality, I just kinda turned around and looked for some dog toys and came back out," said Cheryl Stone who lives across the street from the store. Its a salvage store where people come and shop because they can get what they need at a cheaper price. "We've bought dog food and medicines and stuff up there," said Tammy Blackwell. However, investigators believe shop owner Bernard Cruse and his girlfriend Brenda Flack turned the spot into a warehouse for stolen goods. Officers say this how the shoplifting ring works. Thieves would steal the merchandise off of trucks at loading docks and from this Wal-Mart in Gaffney. Then they would bring the items to the warehouse where they would take off the labels. Officers say

Cruse and Flack would then go to flea markets around the Upstate and in North Carolina to sell them. "I had no idea, we used to shop up there, but I haven't shopped up there in a long time," said Blackwell. It all ended when investigators arrested one of their partners for shoplifting, now Cruse and Flack are charged with possession of stolen goods. Investigators, DHEC and FBI agents are going through boxes packed with medicines containing sudafedrin, an ingredient used to make Meth. If investigators determine that illegal drugs are involved, Cruse and Flack could face federal charges. "The nicest people could be the biggest crook I guess," said Stone. Investigators say this is the largest shoplifting bust ever in Cherokee County.

August 20, 2050

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

On Thursday night, Spartanburg County Sheriff's deputies set up a checkpoint just down the street from the busy Westgate Mall area. Major Dan Johnson says, "it was just a random checkpoint early in the morning at a fairly busy location." Investigators say just after 2:00 am, Travis Renaldo Wilson came up to the checkpoint and tried to get around it without stopping. It happened at the intersection of W. Blackstock Road and Morning Circle. Deputies say Wilson tried to speed around the checkpoint and that he almost hit a deputy in the process. Wilson is wanted in Spartanburg County for assault with intent to kill, unlawful carrying of pistol, failing to stop for a blue light, and driving on a suspended license. Investigators say Wilson didn't want to stop because he was already a wanted man. A second set of warrants connect Wilson to very similar crimes in Greenville County. On July 9, 2005, investigators say Wilson hit a deputy at Haywood Mall. But Wilson managed to get away that time too. Anyone with information about Wilson's whereabouts should contact police immediately.

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A tip led Anderson County's Special Operations Team to raid two homes Friday afternoon, where deputies say they found 14 video poker machines, and unknown amount of cash and surveillance equipment. "To walk in and find a whole room of a home with seven machines devoted to gambling is pretty unusual," says Susann Griffin with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. They arrested Charles Barbare at 1139 Sanders Drive in Anderson and charged him with operating a gambling house at that home. Another person was also arrested at the house for gambling. The other suspected gambling house is located on Highway 413. That's where they arrested Gary Pearson and Frances Redden and charged them with operating a gambling house. Two accused gamblers were also arrested there. "We're not going to tolerate any illegal activity in Anderson County," Griffin says. "We're going to put an end to it." Video poker machines have been outlawed in South Carolina since 2000.

August 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Martha Tucker was planning to spend a quiet evening at home Friday night. But just before midnight she says, "I heard the gunshots and it scared me to death ... I thought it was right out front ... Felt like it was so close." It wasn't very far away at all. In fact, just across the street at 21 8th Street, investigators say there was an attempted burglary gone bad. The man who lives at 21 8th St. had just come home with his girlfriend when she says they noticed a strange car in the driveway, heard noises in the house, and called 911. She doesn't want to be identified, but says two men then came out of the house and sped away in a car, but not before firing shots from at least one gun. Yusuf Littlejohn is charged with assault with intent to kill. Investigators say one of the shots he fired was aimed at a Greenville County Sheriff's deputy who had responded to the scene. Littlejohn is in jail at the Greenville County Detention Center on \$100,000 bond. A second suspect is still being sought.

August 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Federal prosecutors say 17 people have pleaded guilty to drug charges and seven others have been indicted in an Upstate drug ring. The U.S. attorney's office says 52-year-old Peggy Ann Byrd operated a drug ring, selling illegal prescription drugs including OxyCodone, morphine and Xanax out of two locations in Greenville County and one in Pickens County. Prosecutors say drug ring included dozens of people, including two teenagers, and distributed thousands of pills over a four-year period. Byrd pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of employing or using a person younger than 18 in a drug operation. Each such count carries a maximum 40 years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.

August 26, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An emotional crowd in Anderson's Southside wants to know what happened to John Hall, a pillar in this community who vanished. They're trying to be encouraged and stay strong, but not knowing anything is taking a toll. Hall left his home sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning, locking his front door behind him. And no one has heard from him since. Officers and dogs continue to scour his neighborhood, but haven't found any clues. His beloved red truck is still in his yard. "When he goes out, he goes out in his pickup truck. And it's still sitting there. Something is out of the norm here," says Ken Smith, interim Anderson Police Chief. There's so little to go on, officers aren't ruling out anything--even foul play. His daughter called him a very personable person who smiles all the time. She says he has a jolly heart. She's asking everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for any information. If you have information about John Hall's disappearance, call Crimestoppers at 231-STOP.

August 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Sgt. Jim Stewart of the Anderson Police Department says in his fifteen years on the job, he'd never seen anything remotely like last night's shooting. He says, "Well basically it was mayhem. When I first arrived and started speaking to the witnesses people were jumping over tables, diving for cover, just running." Around eleven Friday night investigators say several young men sprayed bullets into a crowd waiting outside the packed Applebees on Clemson Boulevard. Cops say what started as an argument in the restaurant turned into an all out gun battle. Sgt. Stewart says, "I have never seen an incident with so many shell casings out there." So far cops collected over forty shell casings. Some came from an SKS, a military style assault rifle which has the capability to penetrate a bullet proof vest. The Sgt. says, "The SKS went through a window frame, traveled through another frame, and hit the victim." The victim is still in stable condition but cops say the city of Anderson is still very shaken. Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark spoke to several witnesses that were inside the restaurant but all they said they were too afraid to speak on camera for fear of retaliation. Cops ask anyone with any information to call them at 231-STOP.

August 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Louise Nabors was born and raised in Berea. She says her neighborhood is so safe she used to never lock her car doors. Plus she says her seven dogs are always looking out for her, barking at the mere sight of visitors. But early Friday morning she says everything changed. Someone broke into three of her cars right in front of her home, just minutes before she and her daughter left for work. Nabors says, "It scares me it really scares me, that someone is running loose and I'm afraid they can come in my home." But she wasn't the only one. Cops say Ms. Nabors was one of twelve victims in just a one mile radius. Nabors says, "It's never happened here before. You don't expect anything and this is supposedly a safe neighborhood." Cops say most of the cars broken into in this neighborhood weren't really broken into at all. Most of them had their doors unlocked. But what scares Ms. Nabors most is what the thief stole and the fact that a school bus stop is right on the corner. Nabors told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark,

"God, who only knows whose running around with guns or whatever . We've got a bust stop that picks up at 6am in the morning and it's really scary." Like the rest of the neighbors we spoke to, this Nabor says she'll make sure to keep all her doors locked from now on. September 4, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It's a call that a seven year-old girl should never have to make, but she did it out of love and desperation, trying to save her mother's life. Dispatcher: 911 What's your emergency? Girl: (Girl crying)....my momma there's been a murder! Dispatcher: There's been a what? Girl: A murder!...His name is Mohammed Al-Hilo! Dispatcher: Hold on I have to transfer you to city don't hang up just hold on Girl: "Don't look at her... I don't want to look at her ..don't!" Frantic, but composed enough to tell a dispatcher what she just saw through her screams and tears she manages to get out the words. Even though she is heartbroken and in a panic. Police Dispatcher: Police emergency Girl: There's been a murder. His name is Mohammed Al-Hilo Dispatcher: "Ma'am calm down" Girl: (Screams.....) "I can't she's almost dead.. my momma her neck is tore off...(crying)..I hate this man!" Dispatcher: "Ma'am calm down." Girl: "I'm a little girl" Dispatcher: "O.K. O.K. What's going on?" Girl: "His name is Mohammed Al-Hilo and he killed her with a knife he tore her neck up." An emotional reaction from those who know Batrina McKinney best including her friend Rachel Capps. She wanted to come to the house where investigators say Mohammed Al-Hilo attacked Batrina. Unfortunately she says she's not surprised and says its not the first time he's attacked her friend. "He had been mean to her before and I tried to help her out by taking her somewhere where she could be safe," said Capps. She talked to Batrina Sunday a day before the stabbing. "She was trying to get the baby back from him from a visitation and he was late so she had come by the apartment where he lived and asked if we had seen the baby," commented Capps. Even though Batrina had a restraining order against Mohammed, Rachel says after several threats Batrina tried to work things out with him and allowed Mohammed to see their 10 month-old daughter out of fear. "We just need to be on the watch for things like this," commented Capps. When and if Mohammed Al-Hilo recovers from his wounds investigators will charge him with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. As for Batrina's seven year-old daughter right now she is staying with relatives.

September 11, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It's a cold case that police are heating up the pavement to get solved. They're going door to door and handing out flyers, hoping someone will come forward with information to help catch a killer. Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Investigator Bryan Wight says they are "just trying to spark some interest in the community and try to get any new information that can be given to us by passing out these flyers." The flyers include a picture of the victim and information of the crime. "I just never expected anything like this in this neighborhood," said James Donovan. Donovan spoke to FOX Carolina shortly after the crime last September. He lived in the same neighborhood as the victim, Randy Pruitt, for quite some time, but said Pruitt always stayed to himself. Fire crews were called to the house last year when a passerby saw it going up in flames. Inside, a firefighter found Pruitt. The Spartanburg County Coroner says Pruitt died from a gunshot to the head. Investigators believe someone intentionally burned down Pruitt's house to try to cover up the crime. If you have any information call Spartanburg Crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

September 19, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

This house sits in a quiet Pickens County neighborhood, but inside chaos broke-out after a phone call to Shirley Hill. She says someone told her that her 12 year-old son planned to shoot-up Pickens Middle School, so she asked him about it. "I had locked the door in case he did try to run out the door and then he pulled out this gun which we thought was a bee-bee gun that didn't work. Then he just shot it as soon as he pulled it out but my husband was right in front of him and he turned the gun and shot my closet door," said Hill. However, he had 45 caliber handgun and when her husband heard the shot he he hurt his arm and as he moved out of the way. She says a bullet never

hit him. "If he wanted to kill my husband he could've instantly," commented Hill. Their son ran from the house and two hours later Pickens County investigators found him with a back pack and two guns. They believe he planned to carry out a violent plot with his 11 year-old friend at Pickens Middle School. Investigators say Sgt. Matt Ward was a target. "Their first plan was to take me out and then they had another student in mind," said Ward. The plot never happened. Investigators say they told the school principal about the plan and pulled the 11 year-old out of class. "We immediately went to the room we put hands on him , brought him into a safe area and Mr Mullins conducted a search," said Ward. The guns never made it to campus, but Sgt. Ward says if they had students could've been hurt. Still, the boy's mother believes he isn't capable of so much violence. "I can't imagine him following through with anything like that I don't know what happened there, I think it was a lot of talk than action," said Hill.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
August 3, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It started out as a leisurely evening walk along the campus of Anderson College. A woman who wasn't to remain anonymous says she "went up Kingsley Road, turned into the new parking lot they have and there's a muskedine vine growing and I was checking to see if they were ripe and I looked down and I noticed this bag kinda stuck up under the vine." She says what was inside the bag ... shocked her. "Social security numbers, gender, and date of birth for 834 students of Anderson College." Page after page of student names and social security numbers ... a complete list of every student who lived on campus last year. But that's not all. There was also the academic transcript of one former college employee and several signed search warrants. Anderson College's Director of Support Services says the search warrant is only valid when it's given to a student by campus security, but one former student -- who doesn't want to be identified -- says anyone could fill it out and pass it off as valid. She says, "I would let them search my room and that concerns me because if there's blank search warrants that are signed and authorized ... somebody could have knocked on my door, come in and they could have done anything they wanted to me." FOX Carolina contacted Anderson College about the student records. They responded with a written statement saying, "we are very concerned about this matter and are conducting a thorough investigation as to how this happened, including the possibility of theft. Student housing records are kept under lock and key." College officials also say it's standard procedure to shred any documents with confidential faculty, staff, or student information, but clearly these student records never made it to the shredder. Up until this spring, social security numbers were used as the ID numbers for all Anderson College students. But the college's statement goes on to say, "The privacy of our students is of paramount importance. It is so important, in fact, that beginning last spring, we instituted a new student ID system for all current students which eliminates the use of social security numbers and thus the chance of this type of thing ever happening in the future." The woman who found them turned the records over to Anderson City Police and says, "I think the students should know that their information was left out for other people to find it." Police have returned the documents to Anderson College. College spokesman, Barry Ray, says the records came from the Residence Life Office and are now being disposed of in accordance with college policy.

August 5, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Summertime is over and schools across the nation are opening its doors. They can love it or hate it, but its back to school this week for hundreds of children in the Upstate. Students at Richard H. Getty's Middle School in Easley already started school today. Here is an overview of which schools are opening when. Opening August 5 & 6: Abbeville, Anderson and Greenwood Counties Next week: Laurens and Oconee Counties; August 12: Spartanburg and Union Counties; August 23: Greenville and Cherokee Counties. For a complete list and more information, click on www.myschools.com

August 12, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPITON:

Laptops are being distributed this year to all students at Lakeview, Tanglewood, and Berea Middle Schools. But, before students can bring them home, parents must attend mandatory laptop training. Parent Laptop Training Sessions will be held at: **Lakeview Middle School** -Thursday, August 11, 6-8pm; Tuesday, August 16, 6-8pm; Wednesday, August 17, 9-11am or 1-3pm; Thursday, August 18, 5:30-7:30pm; **Berea Middle School** - Wednesday, August 10, 6-8pm; Thursday, August 11, 6-8pm; Monday, August 15, 6-8pm; Tuesday, August 16, 6-8pm; Monday, August 22, 6-8pm; Thursday, August 25, 6-8pm; Saturday, August 27, 9:30-11:30am (English & Spanish) Saturday; August 27, 1-3pm (English & Spanish). **Tanglewood Middle School**: Contact School for Training Sessions and Times

August 16, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A move to keep school buses rolling and children safe is in full effect in South Carolina. Many kids are already back in school or about to return, that means school buses are back on the roads, but so are police, making sure you're obeying the laws. Susan Lail has two children who ride the bus to school, she says, "I would really like for people to slow down and watch for these buses." They aren't hard to see, big, yellow, and usually filled with kids, but sometimes drivers forget to follow the rules when buses are back on the roads. Monday afternoon is one example, Susan Lail says her five year old son, Cameron, was getting off his bus when a car came speeding by, "My heart stopped because I'm standing in the middle of the road, I was almost in the middle of the road when the car came." Susan's daughter, Rose, also had a close call, according to Rose, "I'm nervous, because last year I almost got hit because a car didn't slow down." It's a big concern for parents, teachers and students. One teacher and parent, Valerie, says, "Every driver, the people who are out there on the roads, these kids, it doesn't matter what age they are, they're still paying attention to everything else and assuming the drivers are going to stop for them." So when and where should you stop? According to the South Carolina State Highway Patrol, you must stop when you are driving behind a bus with flashing yellow or red lights, or if you're approaching a bus with flashing lights, and always stop if you're on a two lane road. If you're on a four lane road, and driving in the opposite lane, you do not have to stop, but slow down and proceed with caution. Despite these rules, many parents say drivers aren't obeying them. Valerie says, "Especially on roads that are more than two lanes, it really concerns me, because I see people in the outside lane zip on by everyday....People aren't slowing down when they see people getting on and off a bus." If you're one of those people and you're caught, be prepared to pay up to \$1000 in fines and you could spend up to 30 days in jail, plus 6 points off your license. "The fines couldn't be stiff enough, unfortunately, there aren't enough police officers to catch all the people who are doing it," says Valerie. But Highway Patrol will be out in full force, especially through August and September to make sure you're following school bus safety laws.

August 22, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Every fall, millions of children begin carrying overstuffed backpacks to school. Doctors warn parents need to keep an eye on what their children are throwing in their packs, because a heavy backpack could mean future health problems. Dana Cox's daughter and her niece are in search of the perfect backpack, like many mothers Dana worries about the load they carry, "They have their hardback book, their notebook and my daughter's locker last year was so far away that she didn't go to it all day. She never used her locker. She kept everything she needed in her backpack all day. This year, some kids, like Heather Cox are giving up fashion, for comfort, "Last year, I had a messenger bag and it hurt my shoulder so much, because I had so much stuff in there. That's why I have to get the regular ones now." Most kids chose shoulder backpacks, the rolling ones just aren't cool enough, according to student, Ruby Cox. But, doctors caution, kids who wear them incorrectly may eventually have neck and spine problems. "They tend to sort of lurch forward a little bit, and their head gets poked up...and if they are not keeping proper posture it makes you suggest at least some of the mechanics of their spine aren't being in the proper form may potentially cause some back pain," says Dr. Rebecca Demorest of the Sport Medicine, Children's Medical Center. Demorest recommends these backpack basics: wear the straps on both shoulders, that way the weight is evenly distributed; one shoulder

backpacks should be worn with the strap across your body, not slung over your shoulder; make your backpack fit around the waist, backpacks hanging too low cause upper shoulder stress; don't over-pack, many experts say a child should not carry more than 10% of their weight.

August 25, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Officials say a five-year-old boy was dropped off at the wrong bus stop in Greenville after his first day of kindergarten. The principal at East North Street Academy says a change in administrators and miscommunication appears to have led the bus driver to leave Caleb Grant nearly a mile from his destination. A young man found Caleb crying at the Jesse Jackson Townhomes yesterday. Nicholtown Community Center Director Kim Haywood says Caleb was supposed to be taken to the center, eight-tenths of a mile away. Haywood says the man saw the community center as the destination on the boy's name tag and took him there. Academy principal LaVelle McCray will meet with transportation officials to figure out what went wrong and make sure it doesn't happen again.

August 25, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Three Upstate teenagers have been arrested after police say they brought a gun loaded with three bullets to school. Spartanburg police say an officer at Carver Junior High received a tip yesterday that two boys had brought a gun to campus. Police say when the officer questioned the students, he didn't find the gun, but later discovered the weapon in a third boy's book bag. Authorities say the boys, ages 13 and 14, have --not-- told investigators where they got the gun or why they brought it to school.

August 25, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

If you're looking for a way to help out kids in the Upstate, Beach Ball 2005 is a good start. The fundraiser is designed to provide educational opportunities for underserved kids. The program teams up with the Governor's school, the Peace Center, the City of Greenville, and the South Carolina Ballet's Joint Outreach program to make sure these kids aren't kept from reaching their dreams. Beach Ball 2005 kicks off Saturday night in Greenville. For more information on ticket prices and directions contact the Peace Center at 467-3000.

August 26, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Austin Bowers likes to ride his bike with friends, but he would rather play his trombone. But he had to leave it at school. That's because of what happened Thursday morning at his bus stop. "When the bus pulled up, I went to get on it. She stopped me from stepping on the bus. She told me I couldn't get on. My instrument was too big." Austin then says the bus driver shut the door and drove off, leaving him at the bus stop with his mom. His mom ended up taking Austin to school, where he left his band instrument behind. He only practiced for a few minutes during lunch. "I was furious with them. This is his second year playing it," Angie Bowers says. "He's not a beginner at it. To me, that's telling them they can't participate in a school activity." No large band instruments is Greenville County School policy. Skip Fredericksen, Director of Transportation, tells FOX Carolina if the instrument can't sit in your lap, it's not allowed on the bus. He says large instruments take up space that's needed on crowded buses. Plus, large instruments could become projectiles in a bus accident.

August 29, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Thirty-eight games and 1,456 days later, the Carolina Trojans losing streak is over. Carolina beat the Southside Tigers 14-0 Thursday night. Marquese Williams scored on an interception return to put C-Troy up 6-0 at the half. Brandon Waldrop scored on a two-yard run late in the fourth quarter to put the game on ice. It's the first time since August 31, 2001 the Trojans have won a game, the longest active losing streak in the Palmetto State. Southside came into the game having beaten Carolina 18-straight times.

September 6, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Benny Walker, Vice President for Enrollment at Furman University, normally doesn't budge much when it comes to admitting students. He says, "We're waving a lot of rules right now because there is a crisis." But in the wake of Hurricane Katrina the school is working fast to help as many students as they can. He says, "We pride ourselves in being nimble..., it's a simple process and we were trying to respond to their needs." Some applicants were admitted in just one day. Furman says they also changed their financial aid policy as well. Walker says, "Normally if you were just coming for a term you would not be eligible for federal aid." Although Furman is already full, they say they are prepared to admit more students if necessary.

September 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Three Greenville County Schools were evacuated Monday morning after a chemical explosion at Carolina Polymers threatened the safety of hundreds of children. Sevier Middle and Paris Elementary students were sent to Mountain Creek Baptist Church while Taylors Elementary students were sent to Wade Hampton High School. One concern with the chemical explosion was the safety of the children at the schools in the area. To make sure the kids were safe, the school day was cut short and evacuation were made. Stephanie Lanford's son was one of the students evacuated she says she found out about everything when "His dad called me to tell me there was an explosion and that some schools had to be evacuated." When parents got word there was an explosion near their child's school, nerves were rattled. Jackie Hunter has kids at two of the schools that were evacuated, she says, "I was very concerned when I found out that they were evacuating schools..." Another parent, Lois Ross says she was concerned too, "I just didn't know where I was going to get my child or where he was being taken at first." Students were sent to Wade Hampton High School and Mountain Creek Baptist Church, kids say they weren't sure what exactly was happening, but they loaded buses and left their schools and bookbags behind. According to Paris Elementary fifth grader, Lauren Smith, "We were switching classes and they had told us that we had to evacuate and we kind of got a little scared...Everybody was like, 'oh my gosh, where's my mommy.'"

Sevier Middle School eighth grader, Nathanael Biester says, "There were some rumors that there was a chemical explosion...I didn't think they were true, but later I found out it was true." As kids enjoyed an afternoon hanging out with their friends, police directed parents through the pick-up routes and finally families were reunited. "I feel a lot better, I was nervous, but I knew he was ok," says Lanford. Ross says, "I'm glad I'm getting to take him home." As for Hunter, "I about cried when I saw her, you worry about them, you're a mom, you do, you worry about your kids and the safety of them."

All the kids were safe and school officials say their School Safety Plan for emergency evacuations was successful. According to Sevier Middle School Principal, Linda Ward, a few announcements were made at the school, alerting students and staff that they were about to evacuate and it was not a drill. The Fire Department then took over and got all 600 students and 50 adults loaded onto buses in about 30 minutes. Ward says, "This is the theoretical way it should work, it's the first we've really done it, so it turns out the theory was a good one and it's worked out beautifully." And many parents agree, saying while they were worried about their children, the process of signing in and checking them out was very smooth and safe. According to Lanford, "I just had to sign my name and let them know who I was and they did ask for picture ID, which made me feel a lot better." Hunter agrees, "I really liked the procedure, the signing them out, and over at the building where they're keeping the

Paris kids is actually hand to hand, where the teacher has to hold the child's hand until they touch the parent and then they let them go." And when all is said and done, Ward say Monday's evacuation was a success, "We did make an announcement to the students that we were going to evacuate and that is was not a drill and they headed down those stairs single file and got right on the buses." School officials say the emergency evacuation procedures are used district-wide and say they're extremely pleased at how well they worked Monday. Now, everyone is ready to get back to school Tuesday, for hopefully a "normal" day.

September 29, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Police dogs uncover a homemade bomb at upstate school. The pipe bomb was allegedly found in the back of a student's ride. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, that ride was a pickup truck and it's now considered evidence. Earlier Wednesday, investigators say it was parked in the parking lot of the Greenwood Vocational Center. This all went down shortly after lunch hour. A 16-year-old sophomore at Greenwood High School is in custody. After learning about the bomb the Greenwood County Sheriffs Office rushed to the Vocational Center, blocked off part of the area, and safely destroyed the pipe bomb. What's interesting about this case was how the pipe bomb was found. The Greenwood School District contracts dogs for random searches on school property. And in this case the dogs found what they were sniffing for. Even more, investigators say the 16-year-old not only confessed to making the bomb but to making two other bombs they later found at his home. Fortunately all those explosives were destroyed. The 16-year-old will not be back at school this week. He was hauled away to Columbia where he'll face a judge.

Attachments



Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
August 1, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Ernest Murphy says his neighbor stacks up old bread in his front yard, and that the bread attracts rodents and stray animals. Ronnie Cox lives across the street and works as an independent owner and operator. He buys bread from George Weston Bakeries for distribution. But the bread he has left over, which we saw stacked up more than 10-rows high, he keeps on his property. Days later, he sells it to farmers to use as pig feed. But when we tried to get video of the bread, Ronnie Cox hurried to get it loaded into his truck. Cox said, "let's go load the bread in the back of there and we'll go take it to that man." But with our camera still rolling, we were threatened if we didn't turn it off. Eventually, Ronnie's wife called the police. In the meantime, another neighbor came out to tell us that the man making the complaint, Ernest Murphy, has plenty of problems of his own. Jack Punderbach said, "it's just one thing after another. If he's not picking on one neighbor he's picking on another." Punderbach showed us a police report he filed and said, "this is a harassment incident report here ... where he just keeps on harassing." The Laurens County Sheriff's Office confirms that Murphy has been the subject of several complaints. But this time, Murphy has the upper hand. Because last week, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control came out to investigate his complaint about the old bread. DHEC told the Cox's it was an environmental health violation and that if they didn't clean it up they'd be given a "nuisance" citation, at the very least. We also got a statement from George Weston Bakeries. Vice President Carl Taylor told FOX Carolina that there are sanitary distribution standards that need to be upheld by any independent owner and operator, and to rest assured the company is looking in to what's going on in the Cox's yard. And that's good enough for Ernest Murphy, who said, "I wanna see him clean that bread up." DHEC plans to revisit the Cox's home later this week. If there is still bread out in the open, they will be in violation of state law.

August 1, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Emergency room doctors are seeing a lot of cases of heat related illnesses, after the past few days of extreme heat in the Carolina's. One problem is many people don't have the option to work indoors and stay cool, and when it's this hot outside, the doors of the emergency rooms are busy with patients going in and out. Outside there's sunny skies and steamy temperatures, a perfect day to stay inside and stay cool, but for many people, work must go on, despite heat indexes in the hundreds. Senior Patrol Officer, Ronnie Forrester, with the Spartanburg Public Safety patrols on a motorcycle and says, "It's just constant heat, the heat off the bike off the engine, and the heat outside makes it extremely hot." Most people get out of the heat, if they can, but others like John Thomson, whose car broke down, are just trying to bear it, "We were sitting in the car for a while, we've only got a little bit of water left....about half an hour ago this bottle of water was all ice, so we've been drinking that." Ronnie Forrester says keeping hydrated is key when it comes to patrolling on his motorcycle, "Plenty of fluids, water, keep water on the bike and stop often and get water." Without that water, you could end up at the ER. According to Dr. Lane Fresh at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, "Many times people come in with vomiting, lack of sweating, changes in the way they're thinking, altered mental status, feeling very bad, sometimes in a coma." And doctor's say many times, heat related illnesses come from working too hard. "Working outside under the sun, not in the shade, not taking a break, they need to take, not keeping themselves well hydrated," says Dr. Fresh. Whether it's working, waiting or just playing, before risking a trip to the ER, take advice from Dr. Fresh, "If your body's trying to tell you something, listen to it."

August 12, 1005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A propane gas leak in the city of Pickens forced the evacuation and shutdown of an entire city block Tuesday. Griffin to North Lewis to Ann streets are closed as well as North Lewis to Main and back to Griffin. Firefighters say the leak is coming from one of two underground propane tanks, which are between 500 and 1,000 gallon size tanks. The tanks have not been in use and have been underground since 1960. Firefighters say they are not sure how much propane has leaked out or how much is left in the tank. No homes were evacuated however 31 businesses in the area have had their power and gas shut off. The businesses will not be able to reopen at least through Wednesday. At 8:30, Wednesday morning, the city, DHEC, and propane experts will meet to discuss what to do with the underground tanks. Some options include digging the tank out of the ground, emptying it into a truck or burning off the propane, which could take quite a bit of time depending on how much propane is still in the tank. Firefighters and the natural gas company have been checking air quality throughout Tuesday and will continue to do so overnight into Wednesday. Firefighters say business owners noticed a gas smell early Tuesday morning, when the natural gas company arrived, they realized it was a propane leak. That's when the 31 businesses were evacuated and firefighters began monitoring the scene.

August 15, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

With gas prices at all times highs, people are looking for news ways to save money. But David Hogarth has been doing his part to keep money in his pocket and help the environment for more than a year now. He uses vegetable oil in his gas tank. It's an alternative fuel that supplements the diesel engine in his 1981 Mercedes. Hogarth lives in the small Laurens County town of Cross Hill, which means it's at least a twenty minute drive to get to the grocery store. So, using vegetable oil in a second gas tank saves him a lot of money ... he estimates about \$300 a month. He got the idea from www.greasecar.com. That's where he bought the kit that's not installed in his car.

August 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A 3.8 Magnitude earthquake hit Western North Carolina at 11:09 pm Wednesday night. People all over the Asheville area. Although this is considered a small quake, several people say the tremor was definitely scary. For more information, link to the U.S. Geological Survey, National Earthquake Information Center. Also, you can tell us what happened to you when the quake hit. Email us your story at foxcarolinanews@foxcarolina.com

August 26, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It happened, and we confirmed it for you. Wednesday night a rare 3.8 earthquake rocked the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Georgia. The source of all the unwelcome tremors: Hot Springs, North Carolina. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, a lot of us are more impressed than afraid of what happened last night probably because there were no major injuries and very little damage. Wednesday night, a surprise visitor dropped in just when many of us were falling out. And unlike those other visitors that whip up dangerous winds and dump large amounts of rain this one stays nameless. And no one ever predicted its 11:09 arrival. These are some of the first phone calls from Henderson County 911.

Operator: "Henderson county 911."

Caller: "Hey, I got a question for you. It's not really an emergency question but I was just laying on my couch and my whole house started shaking. Was there an earthquake or something?"

Operator: "Henderson county 911."

Caller: "Uh, yes, I'm just wondering if we've had a little earthquake (laugh) my trailer, my whole trailer shook."

The Carolina quake, measuring nearly four on some fancy scale that never manages to break-- is relatively nothing where an earthquake measuring seven is considered major. While unsuspecting callers in Henderson County jammed emergency phone lines, these women, who live in the small city of Hendersonville, were sure they knew what had happened in at least 4 of the eastern United States rumbling.

Robin Adriance: "Actually we were in bed watching FOX; it felt like the house just trembled a few minutes."

Leann Noakes: "I felt like your bed was moving, like the whole house was moving."

Gilda Conner: "Oh, I knew it was an earthquake because I could feel the earth....it's a rolling movement."

Gilda Conner is a self proclaimed expert. Ms. Conner moved to the Carolina's from California where people there get the impressive stuff. They've even coined their own descriptions. You heard her say it; last night's quake was a rolling quake.

Gilda Conner: "It's like I was in bed, somebody shaking you and then it gets stronger and stronger. That's when it lasts and lasts and for 20 seconds. It's just a feeling like you're out of balance."

So let those big scary storms that haunt us five months of the year have their names at least we have our quakespers. Jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

August 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Sunday afternoons are usually a day of relaxation for Chris Paulsen. But this afternoon instead of watching movies he's watching Katrina anyway he can either on TV or via the internet. Chris says, "There's always been a part of me that wants to be there, be there with them and watch the storm come ashore." He's also trying to keep in touch with his family, whether by emailing with Dad or dialing the phone over, and over again until he can finally get through. Chris's dad has not been feeling well and with Chris being from Louisiana plus a former metrologist; he knows the first things to go down during a big storm is communication. Chris says, "What happens if he (father) does get sick or something worsens...where would he go and how would he get some help to him? Once a storm begins there is no help, you can dial 911 but they can't come." When Andrew hit, Chris's parents had no power for three weeks so Chris thinks this phone call may be the last one for awhile.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

President Bush calls it one of the worst natural disasters in the nation's history. Hours after flying over the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, Bush urged Americans to contribute to the recovery effort and said the federal government is moving quickly to help the Gulf Coast region. Bush says he has appointed a cabinet-level task force to oversee the federal response to the disaster. He says the Department of Transportation is loading up

four-hundred trucks with food, water and cots. Bush is calling on Americans to contribute to the Red Cross or call 1-800-HELP-NOW. He says the recovery from Katrina will take years, but in the end he expressed confidence that new communities will flourish and, as he said, "the great city of New Orleans will be back on its feet."

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Many have dodged a direct hit from Hurricane Katrina, but it's clear the storm has left its watery mark on the city. New Orleans sits about 20 feet below sea level, surrounded by levees. After torrential rain, storm surge flooding and now a levee breach, the city is inundated with water and the levees are creating a "bowl effect," keeping the water in without a way to bail it out. Two days after Hurricane Katrina stormed the Gulf Coast and New Orleans narrowly escaped a direct hit from the Category four storm, 80% of the city is inundated with water, up to 20 feet deep. But the water isn't just from the torrential downpours during the storm, break in the levees are causing even more problems and flooding. The levees are embankments that run deep into the ground, separating New Orleans from Lake Ponchartrain on one side and the Mississippi River on the other. But floodwaters can quickly erode the levees, making them vulnerable to cracking, as they did earlier this week. But it's not just the water rushing into the city, it's the fact that the water is now trapped in New Orleans by the levees that were supposed to protect it. Wednesday sandbags and concrete barriers were used to try and plug the 200 foot gap in one of the levees. New Orleans Governor Kathleen Blanco says, "Search and rescue operations, evacuations and trying to control the levees breach are our priorities for today." But simply fixing the levees will not solve the problem the water has no way out and poses major health risks. The flood waters could be contaminated from sewage and brackish water, a mix of fresh and salt water. According to Dr. G. Richard Olds the Chairman of Department of Medicine, "There's a particular bacteria that grows in brackish water, these are vibrial species, the one that you may know is the causes cholera. Now, cholera is probably the most dangerous diaphrial disease." Not to mention as the water sits still, it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can lead to the spread of the West Nile Virus and possibly even Yellow Fever. It gives just one more reason to get the people trapped in the city out to safety as soon as possible. Pumps used to drain the city are not working now, but officials say if they can get them to work, that's an option to start draining the city, still that could take months to do. Another option is to intentionally breach some levees to let the trapped water out.

September 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

"We have to do something. There's something we can do," commented Mindy Nyblon as soon as she saw the destruction from Hurricane Katrina. Nyblon is a member of The Vine Community Church in Taylors, a non-denominational church where a majority of its members have some connection to the construction and home building industries. Mark Nyblon is also a member and says, "this is a natural disaster and I think it touches all of us and we just wanted to be a helping hand and to give back a bit to the community." So they decided to load up equipment, head south, and do their part to help. Mark Nyblon adds, "we had been in touch with a disaster relief organization that has been telling us there is plenty of work we can keep you here for a year ... just bring all the equipment that you can. So we were expecting to see a lot of work." On Monday, the first group headed out to do a very specific job. "There are just piles and piles of debris and that's what we went there for. To remove the debris and help the cleanup," said John Seppala of Action Builders, Inc. "It was what we felt would be the best thing we could do to help because we have the expertise, we have the resources, the equipment and could produce the most for the least amount and help the most people the most efficiently." But when they got to the hardest hit areas of Louisiana and Mississippi, they were turned away and told that only the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were authorized to do the work. Church member Dick Florence says, "it makes you realize how fresh the red tape that our government officials and others that wanna help go through all the time. We're grateful to our government, we really are, but it's frustrating to have your hands tied and not being able to serve the way you're equipped and really ready to go to do the job." So, on the site of major new housing development in northern Greenville County, heavy equipment is parked and isn't being used because it was supposed to be loaded up and on its way to play a big role in the hurricane relief efforts. Mindy Nyblon says,

"you see the need, you see the people and you know the ability. If everybody does a little bit we can make a difference one at a time." But now, more volunteers and lots of equipment are left waiting, after the group was told they aren't allowed to get involved with the clean-up. Mark Nyblon says, "we knew that we could be a real big help with all the resources that we had available to us and that probably was the biggest disappointment." "It's just nobody gets their hands untied to say lets get in there and do the job that we're qualified to do," says Florence, "I would guess that these guys could probably do many of these jobs, especially in the clean-up of debris that would take the average Joe weeks. They would have it cleaned up in about a day." The volunteers have been working with church groups in Mississippi to get the necessary clearance, and thought they had everything worked out. They will continue to try to see what they can do and hope to put their experience and equipment to work in the coming days.

September 9, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Ophelia has regained its punch and is once again a minimal hurricane. The National Hurricane Center says landfall is possible as a Category One hurricane on South Carolina's southern coast next week. Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 75 miles an hour with higher gusts. If the forecast holds, it would become the third hurricane in 13 months to make landfall on the South Carolina coast. Ophelia is centered about 175 miles east-northeast of Daytona Beach, Florida, and about 220 miles south-southeast of Charleston.

Attachments



Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

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Sundays	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY
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DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

July 21, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Homeland Security says Secretary Michael Chertoff is closely monitoring today's events in London. But a spokeswoman for the federal agency says Chertoff has no immediate plans to raise the U-S terror alert. U.S. mass transit systems have remained on Code Orange -- or high alert -- since the London bombings two weeks ago, but the rest of the country is at yellow, signifying an elevated risk. In Washington, subway trains and buses are said to be running normally today. But a Metro spokeswoman says passengers should expect to see bomb-sniffing dogs and increased patrols at train stations. Buses also might be randomly checked. The Homeland Security spokeswoman says officials are unaware of any specific intelligence indicating an attack planned for the U.S.

July 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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WASHINGTON Authorities in major U-S cities have been asked to step up their vigilance on transit systems after today's series of explosions in London. A Homeland Security Department spokesman says, though, that there are no immediate plans to raise the nation's threat level. In Los Angeles, police have activated a special command center. In the nation's capital, bomb-sniffing dogs and police armed with machine guns are patrolling subways and buses looking for anything suspicious. In Chicago, announcements are being made to transit riders to alert transit workers of any suspicious packages.

NEW YORK New York City is on heightened alert this morning after the deadly series of explosions in London. Authorities have stepped up security around subways, buses and transit stations. A law enforcement source tells The Associated Press that Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly is also meeting with top brass and has put additional security measures in place. Governor George Pataki says he's spoken with Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and has ordered state troopers to use mass transit. He has also signed an executive order giving policing authority to state police from New Jersey and Connecticut while riding New York trains. Commuters admit to some nervousness but haven't let news of the explosions alter their travel routes. More than four (m) million people use New York's subways each day.

July 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Snuggled beneath the Western North Carolina mountains in the Swannanoa Valley sits the PSA Pharmacy. A pharmacy known to its customers as a good neighbor. Bert Leppert is a regular customer. "Its a little cheaper place that's the reason we come here its we have a lot of people around here that need that kind of support from their

drug store," said Leppert. However, now its shut-down, the sign on the door reads closed and customers like Bert Leppert want to know why. He stopped by the pharmacy to get his medicine, he has a heart condition and has to take pills everyday. On Tuesday afternoon, it was a little different. A Buncombe County Sheriff's deputy stops him at a string of crime scene tape and then sends someone out with his prescription. "If they think there's illegal activity. I think they need to address that issue, but at the same time they need to address the sick people's issues also," commented Leppert. FBI agents raided the pharmacy and the Swannanoa Valley Family Medical Center next door. They aren't saying much about what they are looking for, but they do have a search warrant for an investigation into criminal activity. If you look closely, you can see investigators inside going through files and paper work. "Just curious about what to do because they both need the doctor and stuff," said Judy Patton. Patton's mom and sister see one of the doctor's at the family medical center. "My mother's been here about ever since he opened up and my sister too. I mean he's been real good to both of them so its kinda shocking," commented Patton. Within a few minutes more customers are turned around at the door. They leave confused and concerned, wondering what's going to happen to the pharmacy, the doctor's office and the people who run it in the Swannanoa Valley. FBI agents also raided another pharmacy and medical center in the area. If you are a patient or customer and need information about prescriptions or medical care contact the FBI in Asheville at (828) 253-1643. As of Tuesday night no arrests have been made.

August 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

One minute after midnight marks the kick off of tax free weekend in both Carolinas. That means you won't have to pay the five percent sales tax in South Carolina or the seven percent sales tax on items in North Carolina. The special weekend is designed to offer savings on clothing and school supplies. You can find a listing of items that meet the qualifications for the tax free weekend in South Carolina at www.sctax.org.

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Recently tax payers paid forty million dollars for a brand new federal courthouse in Columbia. Now tax payers will also be footing the bill for another building for Judge Dennis Shade, former aide to Senator Strom Thurmond. The reason: officials claim there is no room for the Judge and his staff in the new courthouse so they've decided to build him a new office in Irmo, right near the Judge's home. Officials for the Judge claim it's all a matter of security but tax payers we spoke to, like Mike Turner, say maybe they should spend more money on the old building to accommodate the Judge instead. "Sounds like to me it might a good old boy network. I don't think a new building should be built to accommodate one judge one person's security." One tax payer, Curtis Moorar, says the way the world is today it's really worth it to protect our officials. "To me that's good judges need protection some kind of way." Developers for the building say it will cost tax payers almost three hundred thousand dollars over ten years to build and lease the office building. And like all federal Judges, Shedd is allotted forty thousand dollars to furnish his new office which will not be the venue for any cases.

August 9, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It seems someone is always trying to run a scam these days, and in Travelers Rest, one couple is still attempting to get back money and make some legislative changes, all because of an unfinished pool job. It was originally a project that was only supposed to take a few months to complete, instead it took 18 months and finally the indoor pool is finished. While it's been a battle for Sabrina and John Papciak, they say the battle isn't over yet. According to Sabrina, "It was just a very, very, very long process." In January 2004, the Papciak's hired Wayne Petzold, of Sparkling Pools, to build their dream, an indoor swimming pool on the back of their home instead, it became a nightmare. "It was just one big headache after another, reviewing different contractors to finish the job," says John. For Sabrina, she says, "It's been devastating, because everyone has their own problems through the course of their life and this just became a focus point for me just to get it done because it's just been a holy terror." An unfilled pool hole, and unfinished room was what the Papciak's were left with when they say Petzold skipped town and refused to return calls, after months of trying to contact Petzold, they took matters into their own hands. Sabrina says, "He

[Wayne] listened, but he didn't do anything the way we had originally agreed and it all basically had to be redone and fixed....currently we are \$8,304 over the original contract." And now they're working to keep this from happening to anyone else by hoping to introduce legislation that requires pool contractors to be licensed. "We'd like to make sure it doesn't happen and should there be some problems with bankruptcy, or whatever these people go through, that the customers are insured and will get their value," says Sabrina. The Papciaks have sent a letter to Senator Verne Smith. His office says he is reviewing it for possible changes to the current legislation.

As for Wayne Petzold, Sabrina says, "As I told him, you can hide and you can run, but I'm not going to give up." Legislators don't meet until January 2006, so that would be the earliest we could see any changes made.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Three Georgia Army National Guard helicopters are headed to the Gulf to assist with hurricane relief. The CH 47 Chinook heavy-lift helicopters are from Detachment One, Company F, 131st Aviation Regiment located at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. They are departing from Hunter today. Detachment One recently returned from a one-year overseas deployment to Afghanistan where it conducted combat assault and humanitarian missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The helicopter is equipped to carry payloads of more than ten tons and can move large amounts of supplies and personnel during relief efforts. The unit's members have participated in numerous hurricane, flood and fire relief operations throughout the U.S. The helicopter will carry relief supplies.

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Though the Labor Day weekend is approaching, North Carolina's governor wants you to cut back on your driving. Mike Easley says gas stations across the state haven't been resupplied since Sunday, and are starting to run low on fuel. The stations usually keep a five- to seven-day supply on hand. But Gulf Coast fuel supplies have been cut off by Hurricane Katrina. Roughly 90 percent of North Carolina's gas comes from pipelines that originate in Texas and go through storm-ravaged areas in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Easley has prohibited all non-essential travel by state government workers, and asks private citizens to do the same. Meanwhile state officials have given permission to stations with old gas pumps to measure fuel by the half-gallon. That's because the older pumps can't compute prices higher than two-dollars and 99-cents. And Attorney General Roy Cooper wants consumers to let his office know if they seen any price-gouging.

September 3, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that any criminal activity surrounding the current gas shortage will be prosecuted by his office to the fullest extent of the law. McMaster also urged citizens to report any suspected illegal activity to a special e-mail address: GasShortage@scattorneygeneral.com "If credible evidence of criminal conduct exists, this office will take action and prosecute it to the fullest extent of the law," said McMaster. "So far we have no evidence that any willful criminal conduct has taken place in regards to the gas shortage, but that could change." McMaster pointed out that while state law only allows prosecutors to deal with complaints of price gouging during a "state of emergency declared by the governor," the possibility exists that other criminal activity may occur due to the gas shortage. The Attorney General also indicated that he would ask the General Assembly to revisit the state's price gouging statutes to make it easier for law enforcement to investigate complaints of price gouging. McMaster urged citizens to remain patient during this gas shortage and not to purchase any more gas than they absolutely need. The criminal prohibition against price gouging (SC Code 39-5-145) takes immediate effect upon the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and only within the area for which the state of

emergency has been declared. The prohibition remains in effect until the declaration expires or is terminated. It is a misdemeanor offense and carries a fine of \$1,000 or thirty (30) days in jail for each offense. During a state of emergency it is illegal to rent or sell or offer to rent or sell a commodity at an "unconscionable price" within the area for which the state of emergency is declared. Those commodities are defined as goods, services, materials, merchandise, supplies, equipment, resources, or other articles of commerce, and includes, without limitation, food, water, ice, chemicals, petroleum products, and lumber essential for consumption or use as a direct result of a declared state of emergency. It is also illegal to impose "unconscionable prices" for the rental or lease of a dwelling unit, including a motel or hotel unit or other temporary lodging, or self- storage facility within the area for which the state of emergency is declared. "Unconscionable price" means an amount charged, which either represents a "gross disparity" or "grossly exceeds" the average price available for these items and services in the same area thirty (30) days immediately before a declaration of a state of emergency.

September 19, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Since 2001 orange barrels and construction signs have been a common sight along Interstate 385 in Greenville. Dealing with the construction is one problem for drivers, but actually navigating through the cones and knowing which lane they can drive in is not only a concern, but a safety issue as well. Now that the I-385 project is almost completed, new lanes are being opened up to traffic, but many drivers say the ride can be quite confusing. According to Deanna Quattlebaum of Greenville, "They've added lanes and you don't know whether or not you're supposed to be merging over or staying in that lane if you're about to get off, so I don't quite understand that yet." And looking at the mess of barrels along 385, it's easy to understand why drivers say the construction is dangerous too. "The merging is definitely pretty scary, getting people on and off...The speed limits going up and down too, it's pretty hard to follow that, somewhere it's 45, it drops down to 45 and it makes it a little difficult, people slamming on breaks and what not," says Quattlebaum. According to Sandy Whitacker, a spokesperson for Blythe Construction, the company working on the project, construction is being done overnight so each morning drivers should expect changes from the night before. Motorists should also be aware the route they took today may be different tomorrow, so be alert, be patient with the traffic delays and take it slow. That advice is something driver, Joe McCullough agrees with, "I'm a surveyor, so we know all the ways around all the traffic mess, so it doesn't bother me that bad....I know what these guys are going through and if it says 35, you better go 35, It's dangerous." In the meantime, everyone agrees they're ready for the drive to and from downtown Greenville to be orange-barrel free. "I wish they'd get it finished, it's a headache having to go all around just to get home, to work, everywhere, it's terrible," says Johnny Booker of Greenville. Quattlebaum agrees, "[I'm] just ready for it to be done." Blythe Construction says construction from Downtown to Pleasantburg Drive should be completed by the end of September, weather permitting. For more information on the project and updates, log onto: www.blytheupdates.com.

Attachments



Jobs, Economy, Growth

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**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **GROWTH**

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July 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Equipped with a passion for learning and a determination to be considered equal, eight African American students marched into the "white's only" Greenville public library this day 45 years ago. Among them the Reverend Jesse Jackson who is here today with six of the students in honor of that day which became a defining moment not only in his life but of the whole civil rights movement. Jackson says, "I think my parents were more afraid than we were...we were prepared to fight back." And fight back they did. Back in 1960 African Americans could not even go to Cleveland Park but Jackson says the struggle for equality is still not over. "There's more to be done, much more has been done. Back then we didn't have a black policeman now the Greenville Chief is black." And Jackson says although the cotton curtain has been torn down he says there are still injustices going on right here in the Upstate. "You have the case in Gaffney, South Carolina a young black man is run down. It's morally wrong. It's just wrong." Doris Wright was also there that hot day 45 years ago. A high school student then, today a prominent psychologist. Wright believes that the one lesson everyone should learn from their experience is that just a few people can indeed change the tide of an any battle. "It's not the size of the ship that makes you seasick, it's the motion of the ocean."

July 20, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

The votes are counted and the "no's" have it, which means Taylors will not become the second largest city in Greenville County. Voters were asked if they were in favor of becoming incorporated. More than 1400 voters said yes, but more than 2300 said no, which means Taylors will not become its own incorporated municipality. Taylors residents may describe Tuesday's election as voting in self defense, but what each person considers the enemy comes in two different forms. On one hand, higher taxes and not enough information to incorporate Taylors has some voting no. According to Ethan Smith, who's not in favor of incorporating Taylors, "They didn't have the budget in really a line, the money they were talking about spending wasn't nearly enough compared to similar cities in size, like Greer, which says to me they don't really know, the people behind it and organizing it don't really know what they're doing in trying to develop the city." Karen Milner agrees, "I truthfully think they didn't give us enough information and the information they gave us of the amount that it'll cost to run this city is just not a valid number and I think they're fooling themselves...I'm not going to vote for more taxes, which is what this will mean for me." Despite the threat of higher taxes, other voters say their vote is in defense of other cities taking over Taylors. "It's either incorporate or continue to have parts of Taylors whittle away as Greer and Greenville annex portions," says Victor Patterson, who voted in favor of incorporating Taylors. Patsy Johnson agrees, "Sometimes to have a good thing, you have to pay for it....I think we need to do it, I think this is the opportunity to make our own decisions, otherwise we're just going to have to start looking at people making decisions for us." Still, some voters say fear of annexation is no reason for incorporation. "That alone, I think, is a poor reason to develop a city, you don't develop a city as a defense measure there's just no need for it at this time," says Smith. But some, like Johnson, say this time is as good as any, "We just need to try, what do you have to lose." Based on the votes, now is not the time to become incorporated, which means it's a dead issue and it'll take starting from scratch with a whole new petition to bring it back to the ballot again. For now, Taylors will stay as it is.

August 4, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The next time you drive on I-385 you could find yourself driving right into a huge fine. Construction is picking up and so is police patrol. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, it seems like every week on I-385 there's a new headache. And this week, for the next 2 weeks, it's the new reduced speed limit that a lot of drivers are having a difficult time getting used to.

Officer Emily Lybrand: "...63 miles per hour, every single one of these cars I've used the laser on is excessively speeding, 61 miles per hour...." On I-385, from I-85 to Laurens Road, the speed limit is down from 55 miles per hour to 45. And if you haven't adjusted yet, you better soon—officers are taking no excuses. Officer Emily Lybrand: "I didn't know. I wasn't paying attention, late for work, late for a doctor's appointment." Reporter: "Does any excuse work?" Officer Emily Lybrand: "Absolutely not." The drivers Officer Emily Lybrand pulled over didn't try to make excuses; they just didn't notice the new speed limit. It's in place because different lanes are opening and closing by the hour, and workers are now paving during the day. Officer Emily Lybrand: "If you're a construction worker do you want cars flying by you at 65 miles per hour? I mean I can tell you just sitting here in a car with cars going that fast doesn't make me feel very secure." **THE COST OF GETTING THEIR QUICKER** A new speed limit is in effect on I-385 and if you break it the fines are unbelievably high. The next 2 weeks are going to be pretty confusing for drivers because the lanes will be changing constantly. What won't change are the speed limit and the fines that come with them. No matter what, if you see an orange barrel, that is your cue to slow down. The new speed limit on I-385 for the next 2 weeks is now 45 miles per hour. Officer Emily Lybrand: "Because we've had additional lane closures with paving during the day, we've got construction workers out here, that much closer to the road." There are signs warning us about the penalties but the fines are actually much higher. This driver got a quick lesson about speeding in a construction zone. A laser clocked his B.M.W at 72 M.P.H-- 22 miles over the speed limit. The cost for him and anyone else caught speeding just one mile over the limit in a work zone, \$516. Officer Emily Lybrand: "Every one of these cars I've used laser on is excessively speeding." And sometimes an officer will play nice. But if they drop the work zone penalty the punishment is still pretty steep. A breakdown is below. 1-10 miles over= \$86.36 plus 2 points; 11-15 miles over= \$110.93 plus 4 points; 16-24 miles over= \$209.13 plus 4 points. And 25 miles + = \$516 plus 6 points.

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

During the tax free weekend it wasn't the long lines at the store people were complaining about, rather it was the long traffic lines on Woodruff Road. Shoppers like Matt Albertson say it's downright horrible. "It takes like 20 minutes to go two miles," says Albertson And most people said traffic on Woodruff Road isn't reserved for the weekends either. Rick Schultz who drove to Woodruff Road all the way from Decausville says, "Continuous traffic all day it never stops doesn't matter what time of day it is." But some shoppers say they've developed a simple plan that helps them avoid the traffic induced headache all together. Chris Vaillant says his secret is taking the back roads like Garlington Road. Elisha Brown says she doesn't even mind the traffic, actually she thinks it's all a positive sign in the right direction. "I think it's a little congested right now with all the construction going on. I think it'll be worth it in the end." With a new Circuit City opening up today, a Barnes and Noble expected to open soon, and a sporting good store now calling Woodruff Road home; some shoppers say traffic is the price you pay when you come to shop here. Shopper John Dow says, "I like it. It seems like it's growing around here, all the different people, new faces, (and) more girls. I like that."

August 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

With a handful of stores like Lowes, Best Buy, Ross and Dick's Sporting Goods already serving as a preview of the massive 600,000-square foot retail center at 1-85 and Woodruff Road, there is a lot of anticipation and a lot of people wishing it would all just go away. James Cobb lives along Woodruff Road and says traffic and congestion are already bad enough. But others believe the new development will be good for the economy ... as long as people pack a little patience. Just announced additions include restaurants like P.F. Changs, Mimi's Cafe, and Salsaritas. Retail stores like Chico's, Ann Taylor Loft, Talbots, Swoozies and White House/Black Market will be among the centers upscale specialty shops at The Shops at Greenridge. It's a \$64 million project. The new shops will open as soon as construction is complete.

August 26, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

You won't find any construction or remodeling inside GSP airport. But you'll find plenty of cranes and construction workers outside the airport. But it's all going away sooner than you think. In November, Larry Holcombe says Exit 57, also known as the Airport Interchange, will open for travelers and will be much safer. The contractor and airport officials picked that date to eliminate holiday traffic. This is part of a huge construction blitz called I-85 Travel Solutions. It creates a new interchange onto Brockman-McClimon Road at BMW, six new bridges and several widened lanes. All this, while being environmentally responsible. The workers made sure the project had very little impact on the streams and the wetlands. Airport Deputy Director Larry Holcombe says the new airport entrance along the interchange will need some additional work. "We're going to do some landscaping. We're working on plans right now, and they haven't been finalized. I think everyone will be pleasantly pleased with what they see," he says. The entire I-85 Travel Solutions projects should be complete in the middle part of 2006.

September 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Woodruff Road, busy and thriving for the most part. With a new Best buy, a new Dick's sporting goods, and a Barnes and Noble coming to the area the Greenridge shopping center is quickly becoming the trendy place to shop. Now other stores like Harolds and Talbots are planning to leaving the Greenville Mall for greener pastures at Greenridge. Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark went shopping for some answers at the Greenville Mall. In the last few years the Greenville Mall is looking more and more like Greenville's ghost town. Once busy, many shoppers say the mall is slowly turning into a couple of high end stores and empty parking lots. Shopper Jacqueline Wheeler says, "I don't think the price is efficient enough for them ..people can't afford certain things." Fox Carolina observed that during rush hour on a Friday afternoon the parking lot at the Greenville Mall was almost empty. Alvin Yargin who works nearby at Cracker Barrel says the empty lots is the norm these days. He says, "Ever since I've been working it's been a lot busier than before..the reason it's empty though is all the businesses from down there is taking it away..and that's why business is kinda slow right now here." Many shops have already moved to other locations throughout the area leaving many wondering in store for the Greenville Mall.

September 29, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Downtown Greenville has been evolving since the early 1970's. Today, close to 35,000 people live within two miles of the central business district. But with more residential living now a big part of the city's master plan that number could soon jump even higher. Doug Huffman works on Greenville's eastside, but just moved into a new condo in downtown Greenville. which he says offers a different lifestyle and more of an urban feeling. It's one of 24 new upscale living spaces at The Richland, a private community off Washington Street in downtown Greenville. Developer Ron Cobb says, "it's still the flavor yet we have the privacy here that a lot of folks that directly on Main Street aren't afforded." Because on Main Street, there's plenty of residential living but a lot of it sits right above

many Main Street businesses. So, Ron Cobb developed The Richland after watching how the downtown area has evolved over the years. He says, "the leadership in downtown has been so progressive in getting the types of restaurants and businesses downtown it really creates a vibrant downtown and I wanted to be a part of it." Chip Plybon grew up in Charlotte, came to Greenville to open a business, and decided to stay. Chip says he was "looking for something a little different ... came down and checked out Main Street ... and they've done so much with it." He adds, "I think people are attracted to Greenville. I think there's so much room for new things for people to try here, but in the same sense it's always gonna be a small city so people don't feel so overwhelmed."

Attachments



Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
THIRD QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
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Sundays 8:30am		IN TOUCH MINISTRIES
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DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (60:00)

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

July 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Every Friday night a group of kids turns a McDonald's parking lot in Union into a meeting spot. Daniel Burgess will be a senior at Jonesville High School in a couple of weeks. Its a place where everybody can hang out and just chill pretty much," said Burgess. He also likes spending time with his friends in Union, but there's a problem, he says there's nothing for them to do. "Not really just hang out here pretty much," commented Burgess. However, Union County Council Members want to change the hang-out spot from a privately owned parking lot to the Union County Stadium lot. A rope usually closes the area, but now council members are encouraging teenagers to meet here. Edith Foster lives in Union. She thinks allowing teenagers to hang out is a good idea. "I think its better than having it in the parking lot because if something goes on, stores get robbed or whatever, they're going to be the first one to look at," commented Foster. She says having a designated place for teenagers to hang-out not only keeps them out of trouble, but it could also put parents' minds at ease. "You know where they are if they leave the house and they say they're going out you have no idea where out is," commented Foster. It's an alternative that Daniel Burgess and his friends say they may try. "I think its cool, I think it will work it will be cool."The parking lot opens at 5:00PM and will close at midnight every Friday until school starts. Officers with the Union Police Department are patrolling the lot every 45 minutes

July 15, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Hearts With Hands, a non-profit group based in Asheville ... has just returned from disaster relief efforts in Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Dennis. But, they're gearing up to return to the coast, since there's still plenty of Hurricane Season left. Donations should be delivered to the Hearts With Hands, Inc. Warehouse located at: 951 Sand Hill Road Asheville, NC 28806. Due to the logistics and costs of transportation, the public is encouraged to send financial donations to assist with shipping and travel costs. Financial donations should be mailed to: Hearts With Hands, Inc. P.O. 6444 Asheville, NC 28816 Credit Card donations can be made by calling (828)667-1912 or 1-800-726-9185. The organization is still seeking donations of food and immediate relief items.

July 15, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Plans to reform our government to more Christian-like principles are in the works and we may feel the effects right here in the Upstate. That is because South Carolina has been chosen as the place for hundreds, even thousands of Christians to move to, in hopes of impacting the government. But people who live here have mixed opinions about the Christian Exodus. Denise Collins-Bennett lives in Florence, SC and says, "I guess it's great to have more Christian groups moving here." Here, is South Carolina: the chosen location for the Christian Exodus, a non-profit group organizing Christians to move to the Palmetto State to concentrate the number of Christians in one location with the intent to influence how the state governs. A plan that some residents say we need. "I think it's fantastic, I think we need more of that actually. I don't know which direction our government is heading in, but I think they need Christian influence, it would go a long way, I really think so," says Mauldin resident, Reggie Brown. Percy Croft of Greenville agrees, "America was founded on Christian principals...people with different views about Christianity, you have them getting into the elected positions and they don't want to see this country stay the way it is, they want it to change...They're getting away from what they were founded on." But others say a Christian Exodus isn't a good idea. According to Windy Sizemore of York, SC, "I don't think that any one group trying to take over is good in anything." DeLane Breen lives in Greenville, she says, "Just the whole planned, big group, I don't know, the concept scares me a little bit and I'm not in favor of it at all." The Group says they plan on having 2500 Christians moved to South Carolina by September 2006, and will begin several political campaigns at that time. They hope to have a major impact on State government by 2014. Brown says, "I think it's great, bring them on." Many others in the Upstate don't agree with Brown's enthusiasm and say they're against the Exodus, this even includes Christians and Church Leaders and Pastors. A conference on the Christian Exodus will be held in Greenville at the Hilton October 14-16, space is limited to only 210 people. You can find out more information on the conference and Exodus at www.christianexodus.org.

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The FOX sitcom "Living Single," became a big hit in the 90's. Erika Alexander turned her character Maxine Shaw into a respected lawyer who embraced being a woman. "She was in touch with herself, her sexuality, her independence and she didn't mind telling people so," said Alexander. She says Max taught her a lot about herself and the power of womanhood. "People have looked at me because of the Max character on Living Single and she wore her braids and she was a powerful lawyer and they come up to me and said they became a lawyer because of Max," said Alexander. So, coming back to Greenville County is like coming home. It's a place where her family lives and a place where she hopes to inspire other women during the Women's Networking Session. This year's theme is "Releasing Your Emotional Strain to Build a Positive Future." The event will be held at the Bride of Christ Church in Simpsonville. The conference will focus on building a positive future. "Participate in modeling and talent production where they are going to honor powerful women and business and mothers and entrepreneurship that's outstanding," commented Alexander. She seems very humble and appreciative of her opportunities and now she's using her star power to give back to the community. "Being able to interact with her, being able to see her up close in person. I think it sparks inspiration that's beyond this world," said Alexander. U.A. Thompson is the pastor of Bride of Christ Church. He says the event will benefit everyone. "To make themselves business owners, entrepreneurs to help make society better in Greenville," said Thompson. Even though she is known as Max and other characters, this time Erika Alexander doesn't necessarily want the spotlight, but the message to shine through women. Money raised from the event will go the S.M.I.L.E. Organization, which stands for Supporting Mothers Independently Living Everyday. The event will be held Saturday, July 30th 6:00PM at The Bride of Christ Church. Tickets are \$15.

July 27, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

After watching a segment on FOX Carolina about the deadly effect the heat can have on the elderly, two Simpsonville business partners say they felt compelled to do something. Laconda Boyd and Marilyn Halloway decided to buy someone an air conditioner but didn't know who to give it to so they called FOX Carolina. We then called SHARE, a non-profit organization that helps those in need. SHARE gave the name of a woman in Travelers Rest. The woman is Beatrice Bowers, 74, who lives alone, has diabetes coupled with high blood pressure. She says it gets so hot in her trailer these days she can't even sleep. But after Laconda and Marilyn made the special delivery and helped install Beatrice says she'll finally be to rest easy. At first the women wanted to donate the AC anonymously, but by coming forward, they hope others will follow their lead. Beatrice says she believes the women came into her life through the power of her faith. She says, "I prayed for an air conditioner and God answered my prayers." If you're interested in helping as well call SHARE at 864-269-0700.

July 27, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A Spartanburg county woman is still recovering at the Augusta Burn Center after she was burned over seventy-five percent of her body. Louise Suddeth suffered those injuries during a fire at her family's Suddeth Farms business in the Mayo Community. Neighbors are stopping by the 18-year old business to offer support and a fund is set up to help the family. You can make a donation in Louise Suddeth's name at: Arthur State Bank; 110 South Alabama Avenue; Chesnee, SC 29323

August 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

With summer here, the temperatures are rising. And for many of us, staying indoors is the best solution to cooling off. However, not everyone owns air conditioning or fans in their homes. That's where Halbert Adams and Appliances for Less comes in. Adams says he wants to help those who need air conditioning, but can't afford it. All he needs is your old air conditioning unit or fans, and he'll take care of the rest. "We can start taking donations, air conditioners, fans, repairing them, we charge them and everything here gets them in good working order and then bring them out to the people we know need them," says Adams. If you're interested in donating an air conditioning unit or fan, or if you need one, contact Appliances for Less at 864-585-4545. Or drop off your donations to the store at 180 John B. White Rd.

August 9, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It was a cool fall day on November 6th 2003, the day that sent chills through a small Chesnee community. A customer found four people dead at the Superbike Motorsports Shop. Beverly Guy, Brian Lucas, Scott Ponder, who was the owner of the shop, and Chris Sherbert; all shot to death. That day runs through Robin Lucas' mind over and over again. "There's this chapter in this book and its the last chapter of Brian and Scott's life and Beverly and Chris and I know from my perspective that I need to know that and my kid needs to know that," said Lucas. In honor of the four people killed, Robin and other victim's family members are putting together a poker run Saturday, August 13th at 10:00 AM. Her husband, Brian Lucas, and his close friend Scott, loved motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs. The poker run will start and end at the shop and the route will take riders through the Spartanburg County community. Even Robin and Brian's oldest son says he wants to participate. "He told me I want to ride because this is for my daddy and just to hear a five-year-old tell you that he's going through the maturity stages and grieving stages at the same time," commented Lucas. The poker run is also an effort to drive home the point that there are still no arrests in the case and family members say you may be able to help. "Anything to seeing some guy that

looks like the suspect witness that we're still looking for or the truck or the car out there that we still haven't found," said Lucas. Investigators are looking for a man they want to question seen near the shop. They are also looking for the drivers of a four door Honda Civic and a mid to late 1990's blue Chevy or GMC Z-71 pick-up truck with chrome rails. Money raised from the event will go to a scholarship fund for the victims' children. There will be games, food and music at the poker run and the event is sponsored by six shops in Spartanburg County. Superbike Motorsports Shop is located on 6842 Parris Bridge Road in Chesnee. If you have any information about this case call Crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

August 9, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Last year the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration spent a half a million dollars cleaning up almost three hundred meth labs in South Carolina alone. This year the agency says they're on track to surpass those numbers. An average lab costs at least two thousand dollars each to clean up. Protective suits cost upwards of about a thousand dollars a piece and investigators spend an average of about ten hours on each lab. But one family FOX Carolina's Lidia St. Mark spoke to says that's nothing compared to what their daughter's meth addiction cost her and them. On the surface the Caldwell family looked like the picture perfect family but the for the last three years they've been at battle with meth. Bobbi Jean Caldwell says, "It eats them from the inside out and changes them...it's a violent drug." They say their daughter Leah went from a "burst of sunshine" to a girl they could barely recognize: sores covering her arms, her teeth rotting and that was just on the outside. Leah's mother Bobbi says addiction is basically a disease. "It is a cancer, not only does it affect that person but it affects everyone around them." Her husband Steven says, "You have to be honest with yourself as parents. My child is involved with drugs and it got her." Angry at Leah, at the friends who gave her meth, then at themselves the Cawdwells decided to arm themselves with knowledge. Bobbi Jean says, "98% of the people that try meth get hooked and people try it for different reasons but once they try it's got them." Her husband says from what's he's learned, "It takes eight to nine months to free a mind from the pull and draw of meth." Now in rehab and clean for months Leah is on the long road to recovery. Her parents say they have no doubt that together they'll win this war against meth. Bobbi Jean says, "I'm her mama..I have unconditional love for Leah she knows she always has a place to lay her head."

August 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An Upstate church van driver is still recovering after an explosion July 11th in Marion County. It happened at a gas station while a Union County church group stopped to gas up. The explosion left Paul Bell in the Augusta Burn Center with second degree burns. But the burn center has critically low blood supplies, so people in the Upstate are urged to help out. The blood drive will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Union this Saturday from :10:00 a-m until 4:00 p-m.

August 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Deep in the Smoky Mountains is a transportation museum well known all across the nation. It's called Wheels Through Time, a collection of rare bikes and vintage cars. Steve Pickle is on his twentieth visit to the museum, he says the interaction with exhibits keeps visitors coming back. Museum owner and curator Dale Walksler is behind the moving experience. He says Wheels Through Time was a dream he turned into reality. Dale and his rare collections are going on their third year in North Carolina. Back in 2002, he moved the whole museum from his hometown in Mt. Vernon, Illinois to Maggie Valley. He says moving more than 200 pieces wasn't that bad, but it was a challenge keeping off scratches. Dale builds and updates exhibits on a regular basis. He also takes pride in keeping every piece running. You can visit the museum almost anytime. It's open seven days a week from 9am - 6pm. For more information on Wheels Through Time drop Dale an email at: info@wheelsthroughtime.com.

August 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Captain Kimberly Hampton always wanted to become a pilot and she died doing what she loved. Now people who knew her well and those who didn't know her at all say they will make sure her legacy won't be forgotten. There is a sense of pride when you walk into The Blood Connection in Greenville. The stars and stripes drape the front desk as Capt. Hampton's family celebrates her 29th birthday. There's a birthday card, but no cake, but people here say they are indulging in something sweeter than that, they are giving the gift of life. "There were people who we had never met who had tears in their eyes and just felt led to come," said Dale Hampton, Kimberly's father. Capt. Hampton died when Iraqi rebels shot down her military chopper. "She gave everything 110% and she made us proud over and over and over," said Ann Hampton, Kimberly's mother. Gina Wallis never met Capt. Hampton, but she rolls up her sleeve, gives a couple of pumps and does her part. "I want to be able to give back to the community if I can do this and help save a life, I mean this is easy, why not," said Wallis. Workers at The Blood Connection are hoping to save lives. They are collecting as much blood as possible and Kimberly's parents are thankful to those who contribute. They say Kimberly would be proud too. "I will say she would be very humbled and very honored that so many people have chosen to remember her on her birthday," commented Dale Hampton. However, the Hamptons say the day is not only about their daughter who they call their hero, they say it's about much more. They are hoping the memorial blood drive will be a life-line that reaches everyone. The Hamptons stopped by blood center in Easley, Clinton, Greenwood and Greenville. Workers at The Blood Connection there says they need more O-Negative and A-Negative Blood and of course they welcome all donors. Workers at the blood centers collected a total of 544 units of blood.

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The buddy garden is a place where parents and adults come to heal. Brittany Carr witnessed the healing firsthand. She lost her both her mom and sister in less than five years leaving her scared and confused. The tragedies sent Brittany and her family looking for help. They found the buddy club, a program started by Greenville Hospital System ten years ago, designed to help kids deal with the loss of a loved one. Since then St. Peter's Episcopal Church has added to the program by creating the buddy garden. Brittany's grandfather says the program has been a Godsend for his family. Together adults and children work together in the garden planting memories and weeding out grief in their lives. If you want to learn more about the Buddy Garden or joining the Buddy Club call St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Greenville at 864-268-7280 or visit them on the web at www.stpetersgreenville.com

August 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Who says history doesn't repeat itself? Michael Stefanski is living proof of that statement. The 26-year-old can thank two people for saving life twice. Recently, Michael underwent a kidney transplant. His donor? Michael's younger brother, Mark...the same person who donated his liver to Michael fourteen years ago. Since Michael and Mark are both Jehovah's Witnesses, Michael couldn't receive a blood transplant...making the procedure more complex and complicated. Therefore, his other brother stepped up to the plate, and gave Michael his bone marrow. Michael's doctors say his new kidney is functioning normally. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming an organ donor, or if you're just simply interested in learning more about organ doing...click on www.organdonor.gov

August 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Since the call for donations was made Americans continue to dig deep in their pockets giving at least 21 million dollars to the Red Cross alone. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, Friday is payday for a lot of people so what better timing to pitch in and donate. The Red Cross is working with local businesses in the Carolina's to collect your money. And there are so many businesses who want in it's impossible to mention them all. With the help of the President of the United States, the American Red Cross campaigns hard for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. And people in the Carolina's are responding. Tracy Glenn/Colonial Village at Caledon Wood: "We just really hate the pictures you see on TV and things like that. We're just really hoping and praying for those people that they recover and we wanted to do what we could do to help". The day rent is due a Greenville apartment community off Pelham Road asks neighbors to put a little extra in this month's check. It's their way of giving back to the Red Cross, which provides shelter and support to apartment communities damaged by fire or natural disaster. Tracy Glenn: "Even if our residents give \$10 for every apartment that's \$3500, and every little bit helps". The Ultratan company, which has 50 stores in the Carolina's, is also asking people to donate and takes the campaign a step further-matching each donation dollar for dollar. That sounds like a great idea for one woman who donated cash today and plans to send a check with more money in the mail tomorrow. Angela Motto/Donated Hurricane Relief: "Everybody needs to help out people when there in need. I mean some of these people have lost everything. They have nothing to go back to". And in Downtown Greenville a bar now doubles as an official Red Cross dropping station. The Blu Martini will not only accept goods for victims of Hurricane Katrina, it'll also hand over all cover charges for the next 10 days to the American Red cross, plus give five percent of all alcohol sales. Omar Naji/Owner, Blu Martini: "Actually it wasn't hard at all. I mean some people lost homes, families, jobs everything else, this is really nothing".

Corporations Give Big

Donations from big corporations are predicted to total more than one hundred million dollars by Friday. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports, when corporations give, they give millions. And it's not just money. Companies like General Motors and Nissan are both sending vehicles to help with the relief effort and Anheuser-Busch is contributing hundreds of thousands of cans of water. The gas companies we're all complaining about for upping prices at the pumps is also getting in on the action. Chevron announced Thursday \$5 (M)million dollars for relief efforts. B.P. also announced \$1 (M)million dollars. Plus, it'll match employee contributions.. The Target company said Thursday it'll give \$1.5 (M)million dollars to the American Red Cross. \$500,000 will go for immediate help. The rest for ongoing disaster relief. Target also says it will allow the Red Cross to use its property and establish a command center near the core of Katrina's destruction. And there's more, Office Depot gave \$1(M)million. And 30 prescription drug companies are donating antibiotics and pain relievers. Jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

September 6, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Higgins-Miller family left New Orleans with just the clothes on their back and some baby formula. Antoinette Miller says, "I just had visions of disaster while I was pregnant." At first they didn't believe Katrina would hit but then its eye became too big to ignore. Antoinette says, "He (Felton Miller, her boyfriend) was kicking down the door. He said let's go and I said why she's just a three and he said no she's a five..and I said oh let's go!" They traveled to an Atlanta hotel but the baby's formula was quickly running out and so was the money. Antoinette says, "Wow you can lose everything in a blink of an eye...everything, everything." Then came a knock on their door from a man with the Salvation Army in Union. He was offering her a home in Union with everything they could possibly need, and at first Antoinette didn't believe him. She says, "No, you've got to be kidding, no you've got to be kidding me, you've got to be from a cult or something...he said believe you me, I'm telling you the truth. You see, New Orleans is the type of place where if you don't know someone you don't mess with them but something said go with this person." So Antoinette trusted her gut and they went to Union. Now they're living in a brand new two bedroom apartment. Union is even putting her eleven year old daughter Tonisha in school and helping Felton find a job. Antoinette says, "I couldn't believe that there were people in Union that existed like this..it felt like Pleasantville." Now the Higgins-Miller family says although living in Union was supposed to be temporary, they now believe that Union will be their new home from now on. Antoinette says, "We never regretted coming here ever since... Yes, I believe him now, yes I do!"

DESCRIPTION:

Stop praying to Jesus Christ or start saving up for legal fees. That's the warning issued to 3 upstate governments from the American Civil Liberties Union. [FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola](#) reports Oconee County and the cities of Seneca and Anderson received a three paragraph letter accusing lawmakers of blatantly ignoring the law and warn of a costly legal showdown. At a city council meeting earlier this summer in Anderson a lawmaker opens in prayer referring to Jesus Christ. Just a year ago a federal appeals court ruled against the city of Great Falls, South Carolina for doing just that; writing, referring to a specific god like Jesus Christ shows preference for one religion and officially discriminates against all others. Mike Cubelo/President, Piedmont Chapter of ACLU-SC: "The minute they have an invocation that refers to a specific deity they are in violation of the law". And that's why the A.C.L.U has chimed in-- warning Oconee County and the cities of Anderson and Seneca of the potential high cost in legal fees and demanding confirmation the councils' uphold the courts ruling. Mayor Richard Shirley/Anderson: "That is something the city council has to decide upon but I can tell you I'm willing to go to court". The same attitude goes for the City of Seneca and some members on the Oconee Council. Bill Rinehart opened today's council meeting referring to Jesus Christ after he was advised not to. Councilman Bill Rinehart/Oconee County: "It became an issue for me then. I didn't define that issue. I had prayed indifference to other religions as a matter of choice exercising my choice. The ACLU wants to take away my personal choice that makes civil liberties in their name a misnomer and I felt like I had to defy it". The A.C.L.U. promises it will take this fight head-on just like it did last year in Great Falls and it's up to lawmakers to keep this out of the courts. Mike Cubelo: "Oh yeah its very simple if these invocations become moments of silence that would be perfect. When you have a government meeting you have people of different religions and persuasions and you have to respect each person". The ACLU sent the same letter to South Carolina's Attorney General asking him to create guidelines for governments to use when praying before a meeting. We spoke with the A.G.'s office today and it says it's not in their authority to do that.

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